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Eight Japanese Raiders Shot Down In Dog-Fights

NO FOREIGN
PILOTS IN
FORMOSA RAID

Hankow, To-day.

Altogether 30 Chinese planes, all of them bombers, participated in the Formosan raid on Wednesday, it is revealed by a Chinese Government spokesman.

All the pilots were Chinese while the machines were of Soviet manufacture. They were a new type, very fast and capable of long flights. First objective was Maysuyama military airfield, in Taihoku, where at least 40 Japanese machines on the ground and a number of hangars and huge oil tanks, were destroyed.

GREAT SMOKE CLOUDS

Huge columns of smoke were seen to rise from the ground by the pilots who flew on to Chikutu and bombed the power plant situated outside the city.

The Chinese pilots reported that vast clouds of smoke were still visible three and a half hours after the bombing.

The defenders must have been taken completely by surprise as no Japanese planes took the air and no anti-aircraft guns went into action.—Reuter.

EGYPT AND
DEFENCE
OF SUEZ CANAL

Cairo, To-day.

Egypt will not tolerate interference from a foreign power for her defence, declared Ahmed Maher, leader of the dissident Wafdists referring to reports that Italy is seeking to participate in defence of the Suez Canal.

Ahmed Maher, who was making an election speech, added that the Anglo-Egyptian Treaty stipulated that Egypt alone is responsible for defence of the Suez Canal, and that the British forces at present assisting Egypt in defence of the Canal are only doing so until reorganisation of the Egyptian army is completed.—Reuter.

China Assuming New
Challenging
Position In Air

Shanghai, To-day.

While the ground forces are locked in battle on several fronts, both Chinese and Japanese have intensified war from the skies.

Outstanding developments yesterday were large-scale reprisals for the Chinese air raid on Formosa on February 23.

According to Chinese reports, 59 Japanese planes, including 36 bombers, in the morning raided Nanchang, capital of Kiangsi.

Chinese reports state that Chinese planes engaged the raiders, bringing down eight machines, three of which have already been located, while the remaining five fell some distance from Nanchang.

Thousands of persons watched breath-taking dog-fights and saw with fascinated horror mingled with jubilation, three Japanese planes crashing to earth.

Interesting sidelights on yesterday's air battles are thrown by Hankow messages, which reveal that they marked the first appearance of British Gloster "Gladiators."

GLADIATORS' SUCCESS

The Chinese aviation authorities say that the British machines performed very satisfactorily and that the Japanese losses would doubtless have been higher if the Chinese pilots had had longer training and if the machine-guns on the planes did not require adjustment.

CHINESE PLANE OVER
SHANGHAI

It is reported that a Chinese plane was sighted flying over Shanghai early yesterday evening in the direction of Woosung, while two Chinese machines are stated to have been seen going the same way yesterday.

Renewed raids on the Japanese occupied areas around Shanghai, and possibly a renewed attempt to sink the Japanese flagship Idzumo, which at one time was a much coveted target, may possibly be expected.—Reuter.

HONG KONG IN
INSURANCE
DANGER ZONE

London, To-day.

Revision in rating war risks on cargo bound to and from Chinese ports, has been effected by the joint War Risks Rating Committee and Lloyd's Underwriters.

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LORD PERTH AT FOREIGN OFFICE

London, To-day.

Lord Perth, who has returned from Rome to receive his instructions for the Anglo-Italian conversations called yesterday at the Foreign Office where he saw Lord Halifax.—British Wireless.

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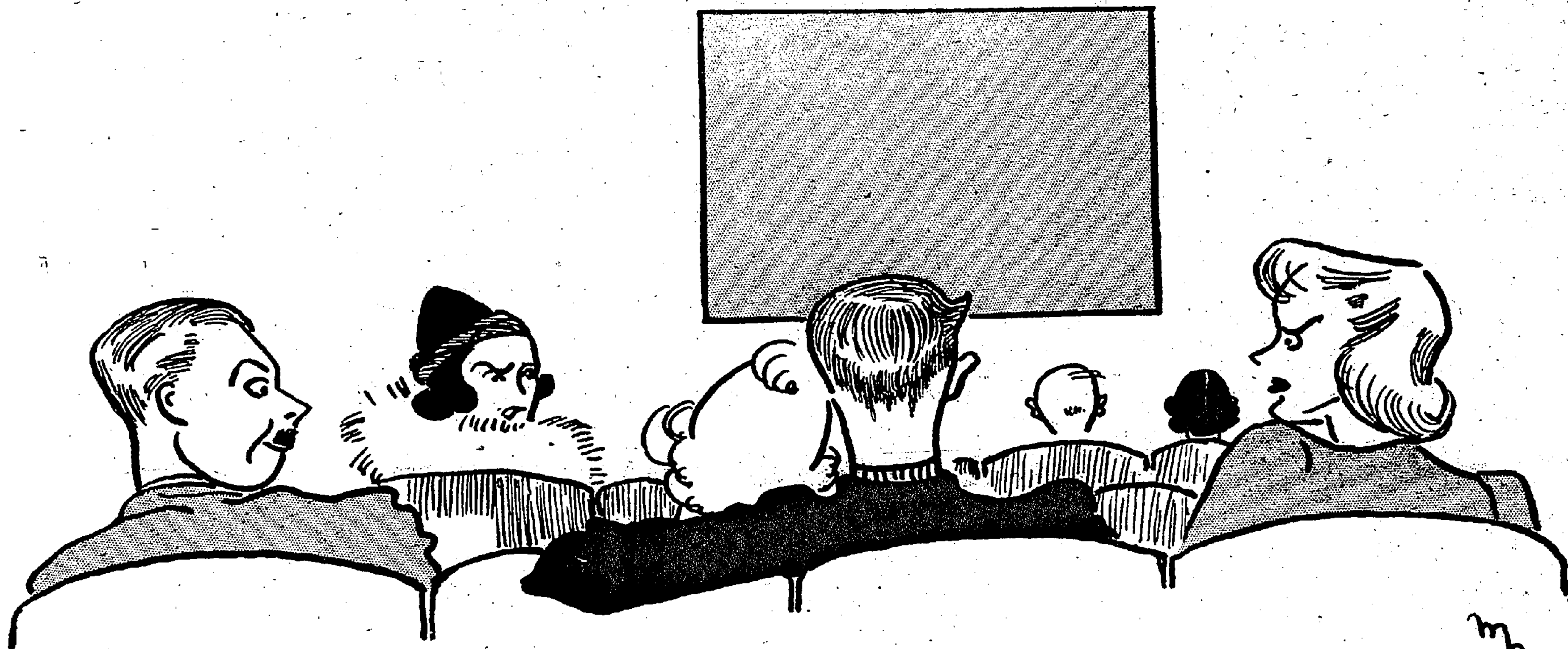
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Hands out a cigarette but not a match!

Keeps the car top down *en route* to the party!

Then down with you, Mister. Because if there are a dozen things the girls do that men wish they wouldn't, there are quite as many exasperating little things the men do that girls will probably make 'em wish they hadn't.

Loretta Young mentioned some of these items, chuckling as she talked. But while, as Loretta pointed out, even the most heinous of such items won't make the earth halt on its axis nor affect the price of fish—still, the least of them can bring

MEN who ANNOY ME

unexpected consequences. Such as a severe chill, for instance. The psychological kind.

Wha-at! Men not perfect? Now, now, John Smith, you needn't shoot your cuffs and look so darn masculine. It isn't news, really. You just haven't noticed.

Here's a circumstance, however, which perhaps has come to your attention, John. The evening's been going along very nicely indeed when all of a sudden she turns awfully polite and an indefinable frost enters the atmosphere.

See? It's because you've got off on the wrong foot again, though you may not know how or why. Therefore listen, John, and perhaps you'll learn certain points to your advantage. For example:

Not that Loretta is the fussy type, you understand; not that she's the least picky. And emphatically not that she is posing as a connoisseur of men; on the contrary, sometimes she doesn't so much as understand the species. They do the most unaccountable things, as calmly as you please. Or if you don't please. Like keeping the car top down.

Loretta likes fresh air as well as the next one, within reason, but a cyclone on the way to a dinner party is different.

FRESH AIR FIEND

Anyone could visualise, by way of illustration, what a cyclone might do if it whirled into this trailer-dressing room on the set of *Love Under Fire*, where the star in a creamy silk robe sat composed and polished and lightly brushed with make-up; not a ruffle out of line, not a shining, pale bronze hair out of place.

"He was a nice young man," Loretta conceded, "but he had that terrible fixation about fresh air, so this once I decided we'd have all the fresh air he wanted and see how he liked it."

"I was dressed for dinner; and, truly, when a girl spends an hour getting fixed up to go out with a man, it's a compliment to himself if the man delivers her at their destination looking as well as when she started. He wants to be seen with a girl who makes a good impression, doesn't he?"

"I thought of this when he dashed into the night, the breeze blowing gaily through the car. He liked to feel the wind in his hair, it seems. I felt it in mine, too."

"We got to the house and I came in, and everybody simply shrieked, 'Loretta!' They were horrified. My hair—!" She made billowy, balloon gestures. "That splendid fresh air had torn me absolutely to pieces. My dress was a wreck, the flowers on my shoulder were in tatters. Had I gone with the wind!"

"I," Loretta concluded with immense satisfaction, "was a wreck. And next time the car top stayed up."

It would have served him right if he'd smothered for lack of his free flowing fresh air, I commented, for I was in the right mood for a get-together on this topic. My own escort of the evening before had added up the supper bill with too obvious concern and quarrelled with the waiter over a penny or two.

THE LITTLE THINGS

It was another one, though, who once sent purple orchids when he knew I meant to wear a bright red evening gown.

A little thing? Certainly; but life, like caviar, is made up of little things.

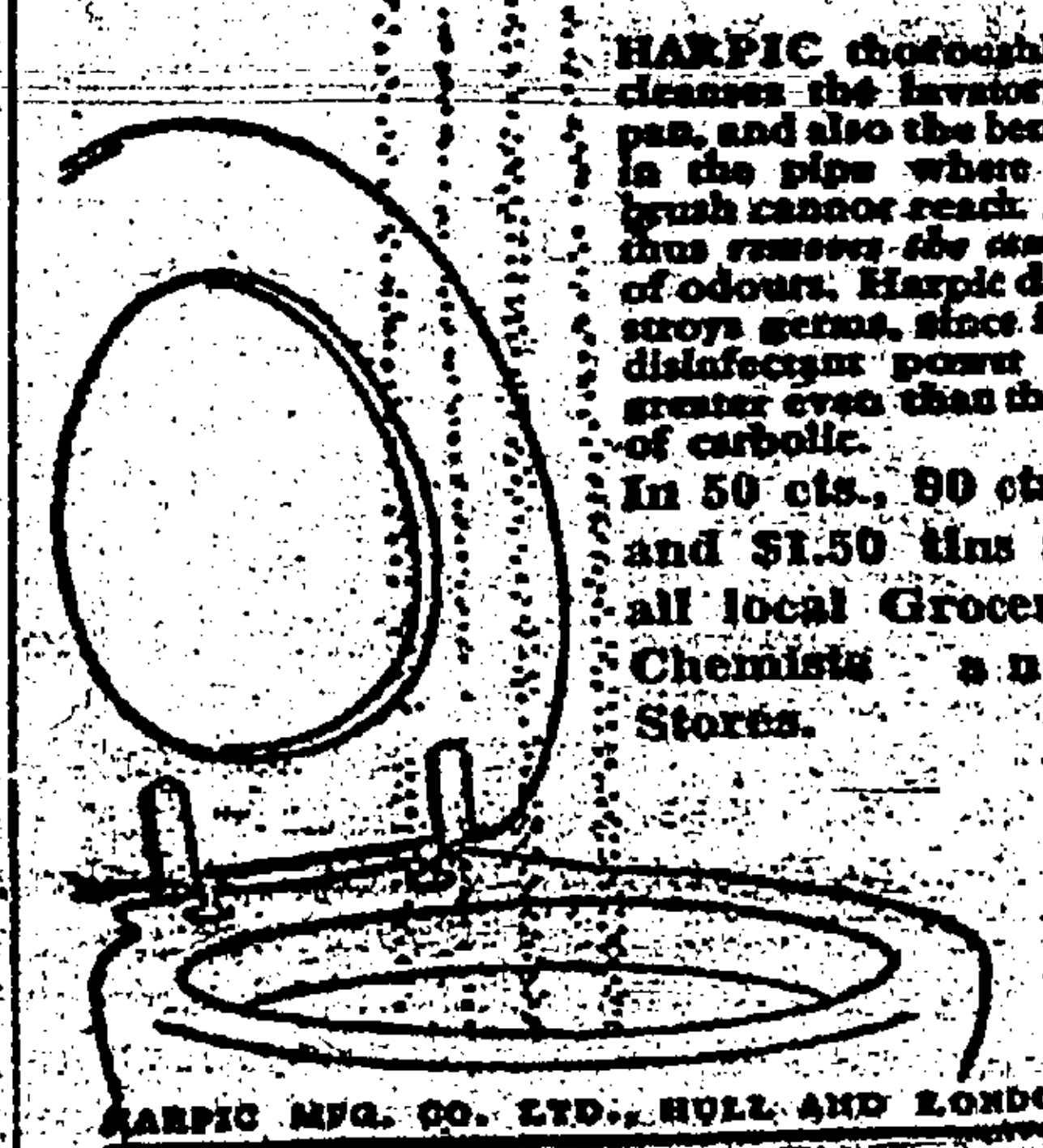
Came to mind likewise the man (for we were getting into the spirit of the thing now) who swears in traffic and yells at other drivers: "Why don't you put your hand out?" The fellow who recounts the

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scores of his favourite football game and a hockey match; and hope you never will.

The chap who used to have a pellucid mind but (again) has met The Only Girl and can talk of nothing but how cute she is, no matter how cute you happen to be, yourself. The husky who takes a cold shower every dawn and tells you about it, as if he'd invented the idea.

"And the man," said Loretta, who'd been nodding and frowning sympathetically, "who talks in the cinema. They talk about women talking! Well! The other night I had to move to another seat to hear what the picture was about. Why the man behind me had paid money to come there, I can't see. He gabbled without a pause.

"Love is a beautiful thing, but you don't have to buy a theatre ticket for it. If that young man had been economical, he'd have stayed outside where talk was not only cheap but perfectly free.

"Still, don't get the impression that I disapprove of men as an institution," she explained; "the average man is pretty thoughtful, don't you think? And these silly little irritations don't count a lot. But all the same" — her brows twisted in good-humoured protest — "it gets so tiresome, having to wait with your cigarette. You know, the man who offers you a cigarette and makes you ask for a match.

"What's more, I don't like the man who holds a grudge! Or the woman, for that matter." Her eyes began to sparkle.

"My own way is to blow up, after I've stood about enough, and then forget it.

"But the man who keeps you waiting fifteen minutes!" She resumed the subject with energy. "I happen to be a punctual person, myself. I get there ahead of time rather than late. Since I leave the set each day at five, I reach the studio at 8.45 in the morning in order to be sure to be here by nine: that sort of thing.

"The man who trials into view a quarter of an hour after he's supposed to arrive is really maddening! I say quarter of an hour because he figures fifteen minutes isn't long enough for him to call up about and say he won't be on time.

The Man Who Is Unpunctual

"Yet it's long enough for you to grow sick and tired of wondering whether he's forgotten the date. Probably the most undiplomatic thing a man can do is to let a girl stand around tapping her foot and thinking about the other men with whom she could have gone out except for her date with him.

"It's the uncertainty that does it. Will he show up or won't he? My advice to the man who's going to be fifteen minutes late is to call up and say so. It may save the day. More important, it may save the date."

Our research into life's darker moments brought forth black thoughts for the man who becomes volunteer host in somebody's else house; I recalled an instance when one of this species, flinging open the ice chest, regaled my guests with snicks and snacks meant for to-morrow's lunch. Then we sent

some adverse thought waves at the man who in the restaurant at 2 a.m. does tricks like eating the roses from the centre-piece, adding salt and ketchup; and the man in the swimming pool who pretends he's a whale, splashing everybody.

"I like to be helped up and down curbstones," said Loretta—"What's more, I don't like the man who doesn't help me into a car. I don't care to be left to climb in unassisted. I think, if I'm going to ride in his car, he ought to see that I get settled into it comfortably."

Irksome Conversationalist

Men who talk about themselves or their personal interests don't bother her so much, but there's one sort of conversationalist whom she finds thoroughly irksome. He's

the man who can't, so to speak, let his remarks stand on their own legs. To be sure, this type of man often gives forth the kind of conversation which hasn't a leg to stand on.

"It's one of my pet dislikes," Loretta said; "you'll hear a person make some remark, whatever it may be, and then add—commenting on what he's just said—'Oh, that was so silly, wasn't it?' Probably it was. And if this is the case, why not let the poor remark go without calling attention to its feeble-mindedness? Because what can you reply? You have to smile sweetly and murmur, 'Not at all.' Next time I'm going to answer, 'Yes, it was.'"

"And," she added as a parting shot, "I don't like the man who waltzes to a fox trot!"

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Here's a new use for an old beret. Thread a string through the double edge and slip it over your polishing mop. It will last a long time, can be washed easily, and will give a good polish.

SALT

You have it at your elbow at the meal table. You have it on your kitchen table when you're cooking? You think you know every way it can be used. BUT—

Do you use it when you're making coffee?

It doesn't matter whether you use a percolator or make your coffee in a saucepan, the addition of a quarter of a teaspoonful of salt brings out the flavour — and you'll earn a reputation for making good coffee.

Do you know that you can boil cracked eggs—IF you put some salt in the water?

The salt prevents their bursting and running out. This is useful to remember because you can often get new laid eggs cheaply when they are cracked, and you needn't use them all for cooking or frying.

Do you clean your frying-pans with salt?

Sounds odd, we know — but if you put salt and vinegar into the pan and put it over the gas for a while, and then rub it with a piece of paper, you'll find all the stains are gone and your pan will be like new.

MARKING BLANKETS

Here's an easy way to mark your blankets.

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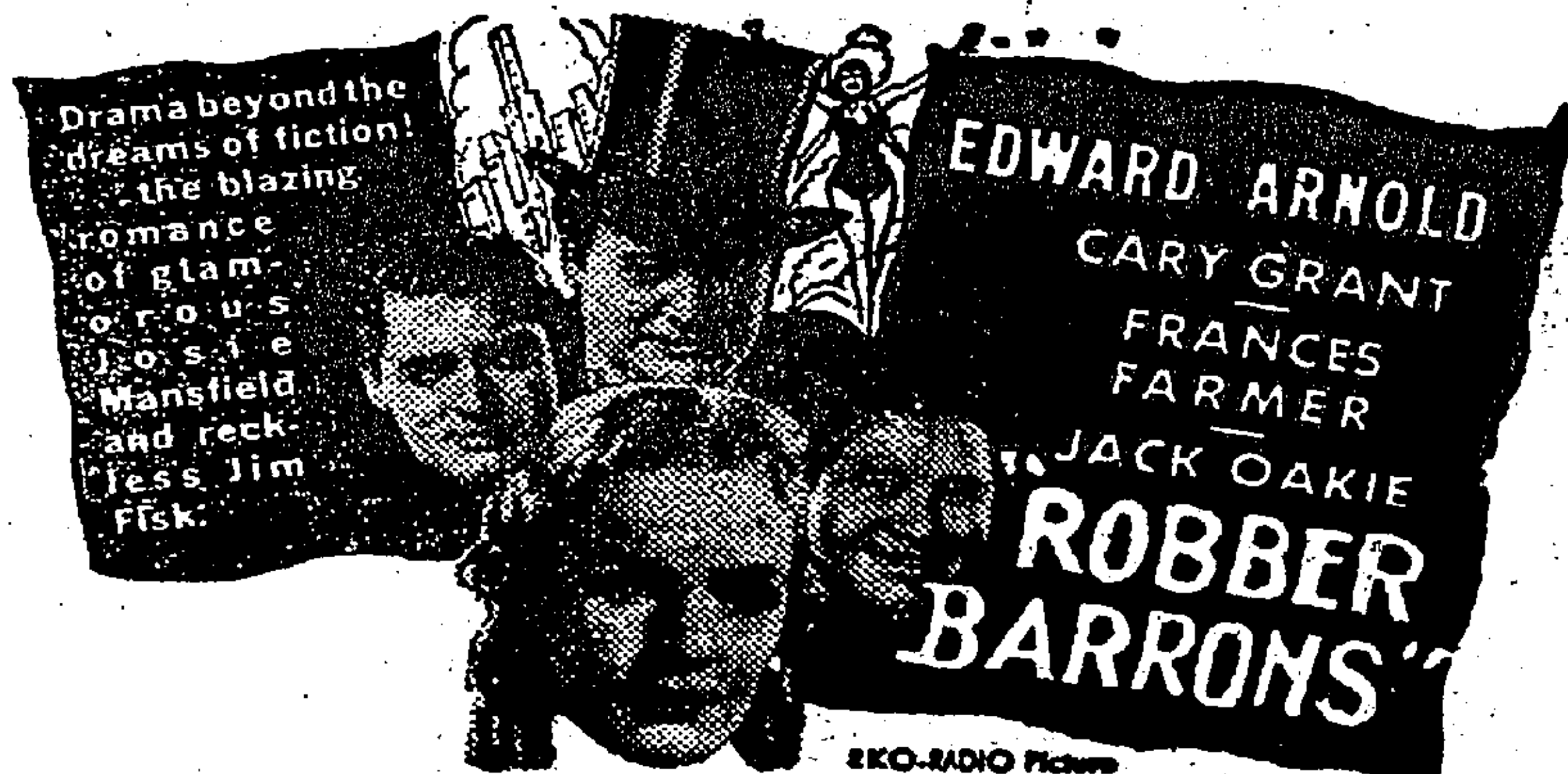
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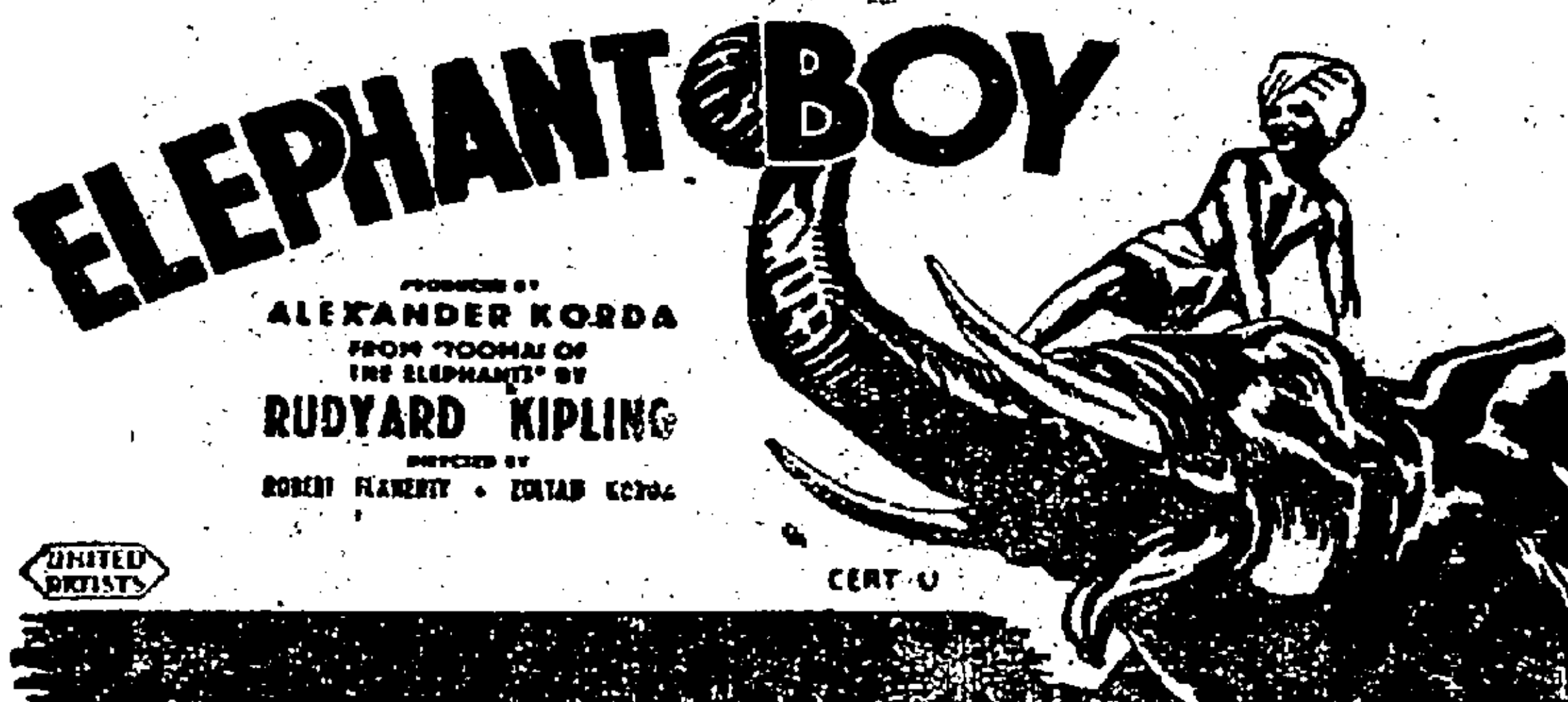
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Horse Tradition Persists Despite Changes In England

England is gradually changing, and memories of the days of horses and carriages are slipping away. But at the top of the steps leading from St. James's Park near the statue erected in 1833 to the Duke of York, once commander-in-chief of the British army, there is a spot that has retained the same appearance for more than 100 years. It takes one back to the reign of George IV.

On one side of this open space stands the United Service Club built in 1815, the year of the Battle of Waterloo. On the other side is the Athenaeum Club, which opened its doors to literary and learned men in 1830. On the curb on each side stands a mounting block for riders, on which a plaque records that the blocks were erected at the request of the Duke of Wellington in 1830. At the corners of the roadway are iron posts with the letters "G. R. IV" on them. The monogram, "G. Rex," appears also on the standards of the lamps, which at that date were, presumably, oil burners. These details take one back through the reigns of George VI, Edward VIII, George V, Edward VII, and Victoria.

Mounting Blocks

And those mounting blocks. One might wait now for months, years, probably for ever, without seeing them used. The days have gone when smart grooms brought their masters' horses around and the riders would amble off down Pall Mall, through Marlborough Gate and past the sentries at St. James's Palace into St. James's Park. There they could get onto the soft dirt track and canter up Constitution Hill, and so into Rotten Row where the "quality" disported themselves on horseback—as they still do.

Now the majority of the riders reach the park by bus, taxi or motor, and mount their horses there. The open space between the Athenaeum and the United Service Club is a parking place for cars, and taxis line the curb where in time past the grooms led their

horses up and down, and where the "Iron Duke" might have been seen getting into his saddle from the mounting block which still stands there.

Nation Of Horse-Lovers

But although horses are now forbidden during certain hours in some of the busiest streets of London the British are still a nation of horse-lovers, and within the past few years there has been a considerable increase in riding as a recreation. Riding schools have sprung up all over the country, and parties of young people in the various stages of tuition may be seen in charge of riding-masters.

Riding in London means riding in such of the parks as have dirt tracks for the purpose. But in the country, once off the main roads with their hard surfaces, there are still quiet lanes and open downs to tempt the riders out of a walk.

GIFT FROM THE KAISER

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"For practical reasons" the exiled German Kaiser Wilhelm didn't send Robert Willis, Jr., 15-year-old of Richmond, his autograph, after Bobby wrote twice to Doorn asking for it.

Bobby studied the Kaiser's life in school and became interested enough to write for the autograph.

It never did come, but a present came from the Kaiser to the Richmond boy. It was a copy of Wilhelm's autobiography, "Aus Meinen Leiben." The following letter accompanied the book:

"To Bobby Willis. To those writing to His Majesty the Kaiser, the Chamberlain answers respectfully that for practical reasons, His Majesty is rareful never to give his autograph. For historical study I have sent His Supreme Majesty's work, 'From My Life.'"

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The film is the finest ever turned out by any British studio, and indeed ranks with the best historical films turned out by American studios.

"Victoria The Great" might well be termed an epic of the screen, as it pictures intimate scenes from the life of the Great Queen and because of the conflicting emotions it arouses, and by the manner in which the producer has included minute details which have been overlooked in other historical films, it is replete with surprises.

The public is made aware of the tender side of Queen Victoria's life and the scene of the betrothal, one of the most touching in the film, is brilliantly acted by the co-stars. An unusually long film—it takes 113 minutes—it takes one through the early stages of the Queen's life: her proclamation, magnificent coronation, early wooing, early stages of married life, her first trial as a Queen and the dramatic episodes relating to the elimination of the Corn Laws with equally dramatic scenes in the House of Commons.

The attitude of the English public towards the "intruder," Prince Albert, and particularly of his influence with the Queen, are made real by magnificent performances by the supporting cast headed by H. B. Warner, Walter Rilla and Mary Morris.

Pageantry, which plays a big part in the life of the Royal Family, see.

FIRST ISSUE OF SHOPPING NEWS

In the post this morning, for the majority Hong Kong people, was the first issue of the local Shopping News, the paper which has been so successful in so many cities all over America, in London and for the past four years in Shanghai.

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London Correspondents have been engaged, three lady editors will put the paper together in Hong Kong and advertisements for the first year have been obtained by the Managing Director of Millington's, producers of the paper, in person.

"Shopping News" is not only being sent to residents in Hong Kong but is being sent on board all ships at the last port of call before they sail for Hong Kong, and all planes before they take off for Hong Kong so that all passengers entering the port may have an opportunity of reading the last issue off the press in the reading rooms before their arrival.

is given its display and the grand finale, which is shown in technicolour, is magnificent.

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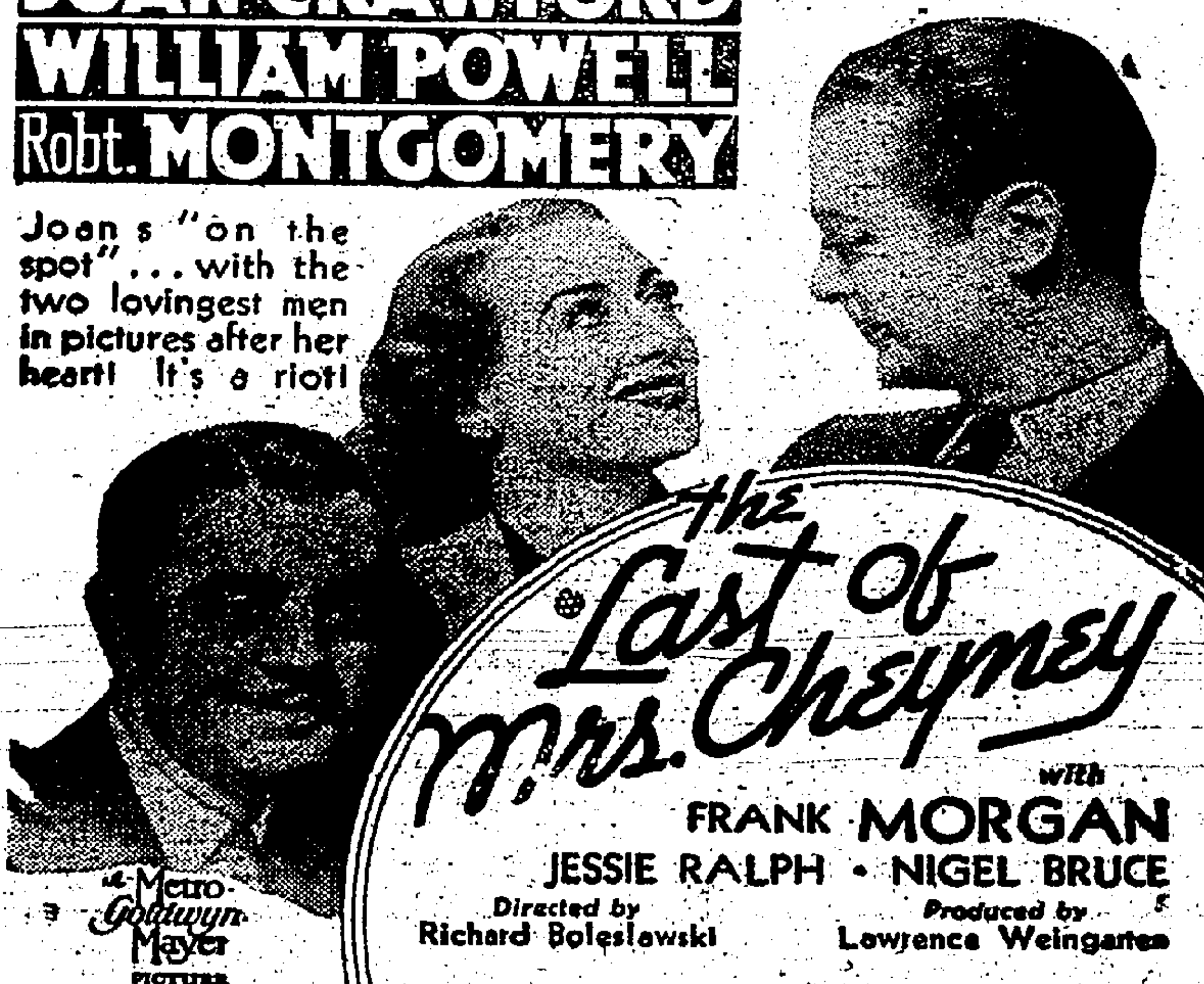
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Revenue exceeded original estimates by approximately \$4,400,000, while expenditure fell short of estimates by roughly \$150,000, and an estimated deficit of over \$3,500,000 was converted into a substantial surplus, in spite of the fact that the civil service levy on salaries was removed in the middle of the year.

The Post Office experienced a record year, its income totalling \$3,254,396 against an estimate of \$2,049,800 and \$2,058,885 in 1936. Outlay of the Post Office was just over \$1,000,000.

With the exception of port and harbour dues, and interest, all heads of revenue showed a substantial increase both as compared with 1936 and with the estimates which were generally based upon lower expectations in 1937 than shown by the results of 1936. Duties brought in \$1,210,000 more than estimated: licences and internal revenue produced \$1,004,000 more than estimated: the Kowloon-Canton Railway returns were nearly \$200,000 higher than expected, and in December when total income was \$138,000, something close to a monthly record was achieved.

Land sales brought in \$528,436 as against an estimate of \$206,000. Interesting items under the heading of expenditure are Pensions, \$2,559,809 for the year, Military Contribution, \$5,586,415, charitable services, \$214,920.

EXPANSION OF AIR FORCE

London, To-day.

The remarkable response last year among young men eligible for service as pilots in the Royal Air Force to the announcement of an increased number of vacancies to be filled as a result of the Government air defence expansion programme, has not only been equalled but beaten this year when the number of vacancies was again larger.

The Air Ministry announces that although the number of pilots required by the Royal Air Force during the present year which ends on March 31st reached a record figure of 1,750, the whole of that number had been obtained by the end of January.

Of the total, approximately 1,300 have been accepted from candidates from civil life and the balance, in accordance with normal policy, are selected volunteers from serving airmen in the Royal Air Force. The total number of pilots who have been entered since expansion began in 1935 now exceeds 4,500.—British Wireless.

FOUR KILLED IN FARM SIEGE FOR TAXES

**Woman And Sons Defy
Police**

Four persons have been killed in the siege of a lonely farmhouse near La Fleche, south of Le Mans, in a dispute arising over the non-payment of 11 10s. in taxes.

The farm was occupied by a woman and her two sons. They locked themselves in against a bailiff, shot dead a locksmith sent to force the door, and after a 24-hour siege on afternoon of Jan. 25 shot dead a gendarme.

Finally the woman and one of the sons were killed. The police had set fire to the cowshed in which they had taken refuge, and as the three ran out the police shot two dead. The second son escaped in the darkness.

The siege of the farm house began on afternoon of Jan. 24 when it was learned that the bailiff had been refused admittance. Gendarmes and a locksmith were sent to force an entry. As the locksmith was examining the lock, the door was slightly opened from within and he was shot dead.

A party of 13 gendarmes, headed by the local sub-prefect, mayor, public prosecutor and judicial authorities, set out for the farm and tried to parley with the family. They received no answer and decided to lay a siege.

The two sons spent the night fill-

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ing cartridges with buck shot. In the morning the authorities sent for teargas. Gendarmes climbed on to the farm house and made a hole in the roof. They threw a tear-gas bomb through the hole.

The siege continued all day and before night fell the gendarmes had blown up two of the farm doors with explosives and poured tear gas into the house. It was empty, however, for during the attack the defenders had slipped into one of the cowsheds and barricaded themselves within.

A gendarme tried to break down the doors of the shed and received a bullet. He was dying as he was carried away by his comrades.

LORD HALIFAX CONFIRMED AS FOREIGN SECRETARY

Premier To Handle Important Affairs In Commons

Opposition Demands Debate On The Appointment

London, To-day.

It is officially announced that Lord Halifax has been appointed Foreign Secretary, and Mr. R. A. Butler (parliamentary secretary to the Ministry of Labour) Under-Secretary for Foreign Affairs.

Following the appointment of Lord Halifax it is understood that Mr. Neville Chamberlain, the Prime Minister, is dealing with all important aspects of foreign affairs in the House of Commons.

ANGLO-EIRE TALKS OVER WITH NOT MUCH ACHIEVED

London, To-day.

The present stage of the Anglo-Eire talks ended yesterday evening when the trade discussions at the Dominions Office adjourned without having concluded examination of trade questions.

It is stated in British circles that although the trade talks occupied the greater part of the time, owing to the greater amount of detail involved, discussion of all subjects under review is still proceeding.

Although it is too soon to forecast success of the talks, it is regarded as a hopeful sign that Mr. Eamon de Valera, the Eire Premier, and his colleagues, are returning to London to resume the discussions on Thursday. — Reuter.

INTERNAL AFFAIRS

London, To-day.

Mr. De Valera and his colleagues are going back to Dublin to-day as their presence is required in connection with internal affairs. They will return to London on Wednesday and discussions with the United Kingdom will be resumed on Thursday.

During yesterday, ministers of the Governments of Eire and the United Kingdom had been discussing a trade agreement.

During the absence of the ministers of Eire, discussions between the officials of the two Governments will continue.

Mr. De Valera arrived in London last Saturday but the opening

Mr. A. T. Lennox-Boyd, Conservative M.P. for Mid Bedford, has been appointed to take Mr. Butler's place at the Ministry of Labour.

The opposition has indicated that a full House of Commons debate on Lord Halifax's appointment will be demanded, both Mr. Attlee and Mr. Wedgwood Benn making it clear that they felt strongly that the Foreign Secretary should be in the Commons instead of the Lords.

The debate will probably take place next week. — Reuter.

IRANIAN FOREIGN MINISTER DEAD

Teheran, To-day.

The death is announced of the Iranian Foreign Minister, M. Enayatollah Sami, early yesterday morning following a second operation.

Sami had represented his country in negotiations with Iraq, Turkey and Afghanistan, which resulted in the conclusion pact, known as the Saadabad Treaty, last year. — Trans-Ocean.

It is notified that the Hon. Mr. R. A. C. North resumed duty as Secretary for Chinese Affairs on Thursday.

His Excellency the Governor has appointed Miss Susan Frances Sutton to be Principal Matron, Medical Department, with effect from the 30th October, 1937.

Miss Margaret Frame-Davidson Gemmell has been appointed to be an Assistant Mistress, (Kindergarten), Education Department.

His Excellency the Governor has been pleased to appoint the Honourable Sir Shouson Chow, Kt., to be an additional Member of the Council of the University of Hong Kong for a further period of three years, with effect from 1st February, 1938.

of the talks fixed for Monday was delayed by Parliamentary calls on Mr. Chamberlain's time arising out of Mr. Eden's resignation. — British Wireless.

INDIA CRISIS SETTLED!

Bombay, To-day.

The Government of the United Provinces, which resigned recently, has withdrawn its resignation. The Governor and the Premier have come to an arrangement by which the case of each prisoner to be released will be examined separately on its own merits.

It is understood that a number of cases have already been examined, and that the prisoners' release will be affected soon. — Reuter.

LORD PLYMOUTH BUSY

London, To-day.

Lord Plymouth, chairman of the non-intervention committee, is continuing the series of consultations he has had in the last few days in the course of which he has seen the French, Italian and Russian Ambassadors and the German Charge d'Affaires.

It is assumed that in these consultations the British formula regarding the terms of withdrawal of non-Spanish "volunteers" from Spain and the granting of belligerent rights is being discussed in all its details, preparatory to a further meeting of the Committee. — British Wireless.

SERIOUS DEMONSTRATION AT GRAZ

Vienna, To-day.

Serious disorders occurred in Graze, capital of Styria, on Thursday night when members of the Patriotic Front were engaged in a demonstration following the speech by Dr. Kurt Schuschnigg, Austrian Chancellor, in which he reaffirmed the independence of the country.

According to reports, communists seemed to have mingled with members of the Patriotic Front and during the demonstration suddenly began to shout "Heil Moscow!" Following this, a Nazi counter-demonstration was staged, and the resultant disorder was so great that the broadcast of Dr. Schuschnigg's speech through loudspeakers had to be interrupted until order was restored.

The Swastika flag was hoisted above the town hall in the course of the demonstration.

It is said that Herr Gorbach, leader of the Patriotic Front in Styria, has been forced to resign.

In all of the principal cities of Austria demonstrations and torchlight processions were staged last night, but although the streets were crowded with celebrating crowds no clashes occurred except in Graze. — Trans-Ocean.

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Silting Danger In Shanghai May Be Taken In Hand Soon

THE date when dredging operations will be resumed in Shanghai's harbour is entirely dependent upon the successful conclusion of negotiations now being carried on between the directors of the Whangpoo Conservancy Board and the Japanese Naval authorities who are detaining the vessels of the service, it is reliably learned by the "China Press."

The condition of the channel of the river cannot be ascertained without surveys carried out by soundings and the analysis of samples of water taken at various points, which cannot be made at the present time.

Normally 3,000,000 cubic yards of silt and mud are scraped from the river bed during the course of a year. As dredging operations have not been carried on for six months, since the dredgers were seized by the Japanese early in the hostilities, it is believed that certain points in the river are in great need of dredging.

Such a point is Wayside Bar, opposite Yangtszepoo, where a midstream channel was dredged in 1934-35. Another is Black Point about six miles below Shanghai which was dredged last year. Austuria Channel, five miles above Woosung, is one of the largest areas that needs frequent dredging. It was dredged last in 1934-35.

JAPANESE USING CRAFT

It is reported that the Japanese are now using a number of the seized vessels in dredging operations opposite Japanese wharves in Yangtszepoo. Also several of the craft are to be seen quite often running up and down the river in front of the Bund carrying supplies and otherwise used by the Japanese.

In the total of about 100, there are a number of small craft of no great consequence. There were

formerly in operation on the Whangpoo three large dredgers and eight small ones. In addition there are about 10 tow boats and the same number of launches which are motor-propelled vessels. The remainder are barges and other motorless craft.

When dredging operations are resumed, all of the dredgers are expected to be pressed into immediate use at the aforementioned bars and the several bends in the river where silt deposits occur on the inside bends of the curves from water which slows up, while that on the outside bend races around carrying the mud with it.

NO IMMEDIATE DANGER

It is not felt that there is any immediate danger to vessels, even ocean-going ships, entering the harbour as dredging operations were carried on continuously for years and the river bed was in good condition before the outbreak of hostilities.

The amount of silt deposit is, however, believed to be great, and the sooner that operations are resumed, the more readily can the river bed be returned to its proper depth.

It cannot be learned what the owners of the Japanese vessels which are sunk at Nantao propose to do about their craft. It is believed that in their haste to construct the boom at the outbreak of hostilities here, the Chinese who sunk the vessels, merely opened the seacocks and sent the vessels to the bottom, doing no damage to hulls or machinery.

Some time ago a break of 180 feet wide was made in the boom on the Pootung side of the river where the channel is deepest. Later the s.s. Redgate, a British freighter, which was caught above the boom, was able to squeeze through. Also

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ULTRA-STREAMLINED NEW FIGHTING PLANES FOR U.S.A.

With more than \$5,000,000 worth of United States Government and foreign orders on its books, the Northrop division of the Douglas Aircraft Corporation of Santa Monica, Calif., has gone into the task of completing forty-five A-17-A attack planes. By next Spring the Army Air Corps G. H. Q. force will be flying 264 of these warplanes.

The type, modernised version of the single-engine, two-seater attack craft developed by Northrop engineers several years ago, costs approximately \$25,000 each. With supercharged engines, they are capable of speeds in excess of 230 miles an hour.

Production, halted during labour troubles in September and October, boomed last week at the Inglewood branch of the Douglas corporation. The Northrop planes constitute part of the War Department's programme to increase the G. H. Q. force by 700 planes by the Spring of 1938.

Improvements Made

Ultra-streamlined, the type features a retractable landing gear, an improvement not found on the earlier model of this attack monoplane. Its wing span is forty-eight feet. From propeller to tail fin it measures thirty-two feet, and, with wheels lowered, its overall height is eight and one-half feet.

Powered with a twin-row Pratt & Whitney Wasp engine generating 750 horsepower (not supercharged), the ship's sea-level speed is 210 miles an hour. It climbs 1,140 feet a minute. And in 9.4 minutes it can reach an altitude of 10,000 feet. With a gross weight of 7,400 pounds, the useful load is 2,750 pounds.

Guns In Wings

This includes four .30-calibre machine guns mounted in the wings, a flexible .30-calibre rear turret gun operated by the observer; twenty thirty-pound internally suspended bombs and four 120-pound exterior bombs hung beneath the single low wing. Ground strafing from low altitudes is the primary use of the Northrop attacker.

The A-17-A's effectiveness and

other sizable Japanese craft have been seen to go through.

It is believed that the owners will attempt to raise the remaining sunken craft, but that they will perhaps bring their own salvage vessels from Japan rather than employ local salvage craft.

durability were recognised several months ago by Great Britain, which borrowed one of its predecessor types to test England's new 1,400-horsepower Bristol Hercules engine. British engineers stated that only this plane could stand the strain of playing guinea pig to this giant power plant, which was being developed for use on Imperial Airways' trans-oceanic flying boats.

John K. Northrop, designer of the original Alpha, Beta and Gamma, fast monoplanes bearing his name, acts as manager of the branch of the Douglas company.

CHRISTIAN SCIENCE LESSON SERMON

Subject: Christ Jesus

The subject of the Lesson Sermon in all Churches of Christ, Scientist, tomorrow February 27th will be "Christ Jesus."

The Golden Text will be "We preach not ourselves, but Christ Jesus the Lord; and ourselves your servants for Jesus' sake." (II Cor. 4:5.)

Among others the following citations will be read from the Bible "Now when John had heard in the prison the works of Christ, he sent two of his disciples, and said unto him art thou he that should come or do we look for another? Jesus answered and said unto them, Go and show John again those things which ye do hear and see: the blind receive their sight, and the lame walk, the lepers are cleansed and the deaf hear, the dead are raised up and the poor have the gospel preached to them. And blessed is he, whosoever shall not be offended in me. (Matt. 11: 2-6.)

The following citations will also be read from the Christian Science Text-book "Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures" by Mary Baker Eddy, "The mission of Jesus confirmed prophecy, and explained the so-called miracles of olden time as natural demonstrations of the divine power, demonstrations which were not understood. Jesus works established his claim to the Messiahship. In reply to John's inquiry, 'Art thou he that should come,' Jesus returned an affirmative reply, recounting his works instead of referring to his doctrine, confident that this exhibition of the divine power to heal would fully answer the question. Hence his reply: 'Go and show John again those things which ye do hear and see: the blind receive their sight and the lame walk, the lepers are cleansed and the deaf hear, the dead are raised up and the poor have the gospel preached to them. And blessed in he, whosoever shall not be offered in me.' In other words, he gave his benediction to anyone who should not deny that such effects, coming from divine Mind, prove the unity of God,—the divine Principle which brings out all harmony." (Page 131:26.)

The R.A.O.C. Association's First Annual Dinner will take place this evening in the Hotel Cecil. The dinner will be followed by a smoking concert.

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JAPANESE HELD UP ON NORTH BANK OF YELLOW RIVER

Chinese Claim Recapture Of Four Vital Towns

PLANES CAUSE HAVOC IN JAPANESE REAR

Hankow, To-day.

Japanese crossing of the Yellow River has been made more difficult by construction of strong fortifications on the southern bank.

Moreover, the Chinese claim, the Japanese have been forced to evacuate Poyai, Hsinyang, Munhsien and Hochia.

At Fengchiu, the Japanese have brought up reinforcements of the infantry, cavalry and 50 tanks, but the Chinese are confident that if they manage to cross there, the cost will be out of all proportion to the success gained.

Chinese planes are increasingly active on both the railway fronts, and have caused considerable havoc in the enemy rear.

A Chinese spokesman yesterday denied a Japanese report that Chinese planes had attempted to bomb Osaka. — Trans-Ocean.

BERLIN AND DR. SCHUSCHNIGG SPEECH

Berlin, To-day.

The speech by the Austrian Chancellor, Dr. Kurt von Schuschnigg, has been calmly received in German political circles.

His declaration that the historic fratricidal struggle between Germany and Austria has now been brought to a definite and honourable conclusion, is warmly welcomed.

His remarks regarding friendship with Italy and his own personal relations with Signor Mussolini have attracted much attention.

It is stated that now that Herr Hitler and Dr. Schuschnigg have stated their views in speeches "of fundamental importance," nothing remains to be said by anybody. — Trans-Ocean.

TREASURY BILLS

London, To-day.

The total amount applied for in tenders for £40,000,000 treasury bills was £92,030,000. The average rate per cent. for bills at three months was 10/1,32d against 10/1,04d a week ago. — British Wireless.

His Excellency the Governor has approved the following promotions in the Hong Kong Volunteer Defence Corps, with effect from 19th February, 1938:—Regimental Sergeant-Major Thomas Parkinson to be Lieutenant, Battery Quartermaster Sergeant Charles Walter Liddon Cole to be Second Lieutenant.

THIS WEEK ON THE LOCAL SHARE MARKET

Messrs. G. A. Harriman and Co.'s weekly share report and market review issued at noon to-day states:—

The market during the week under review again ruled very firm with prices in many instances showed improvement, but trading was rather limited owing to four of the business days being occupied by the Annual Race Meetings.

Manila reports an easier market and consequently some rates gave way slightly.

In the investment sections, Hong Kong Electric had a smart rise with sales effected at as high as \$60 on the announcement of a final dividend of \$2 per share (making \$3 for account 1937) which is 25 cts. better than the previous year. Hong Kong Trams remained very steady at \$15. Telephones (old) were wanted at \$26 and the new shares at \$9.70. Star Ferries were unchanged at \$83½. Lands had buyers at \$33. Dairy Farms came to business at \$26. Sales were registered in Wharves at \$128½/¼. Hong Kong Docks also improved and were done up to \$30 and more shares were wanted at \$29¾ at the close.

Among the minor issues, Providents (old) were dealt in at \$2.80/2.85 and the New shares at 85/90c. Hong Kong Hotels were better with business transacted at \$6.50/6.70, but closed a shade easier with sellers at the latter rate. Realities changed hands at \$5.50/60. China Lights (old) showed much strength and were realised at as high as \$11.80. Cements were in better demand with sales reported at \$14.90/15.00.

Sterling counters very firm, Hong Kong Banks being enquired for at \$1,585 and Unions at \$510.

The stone of the market at the close is very steady.

His Excellency the Governor has been pleased to nominate the following as Members of the Court of the University of Hong Kong for a further period of three years, with effect from the 1st January, 1938. H. B. L. Dowbiggin, O.B.E. and M. P. Talati.

SPEED-UP IN IMPERIAL AIRWAYS

London, To-day.

The feature of the Imperial Airways summer programme so far as the speed and comfort of flying are concerned will be the bringing into service of new fast luxury planes.

In the new airliners, weighing when fully-loaded approximately 20 tons, accommodation will be provided in sumptuously equipped saloons for forty passengers while the new four-motored express aircraft which are to operate on the Paris route will have distinction of being the fastest passenger planes of their type so far produced.

The growing scope of European air travel will be illustrated strikingly this summer by the distances passengers will be able to travel during the course of a single day's flying.

DAY TRIPS

Leaving Croydon in the morning, for example, and flying northward, passengers will alight the same evening at such a distant point as Oslo. By another route flying from London and changing at Frankfurt, Home will be reached the same evening. Venice will also be within a day's flying of London. — British Wireless.

Captain Leslie Frere Nicholson, Second Lieutenant Geoffrey Clifford Moutrie and Second Lieutenant Daniel Marshall, have relinquished their commissions in the H.K.V.D.C. — Trans-Ocean.

FRANCO-SOVIET MILITARY CONSULTATIONS

London, To-day.

Consultations between the French and Soviet General Staffs will probably take place in the near future, states the Paris correspondent of the "News Chronicle," in a message published yesterday morning.

It is pointed out that these will be the first consultations between the General Staffs of the two countries since the conclusion of the Franco-Soviet Pact.

The French Government, it is reported, has so far been reluctant to enter into such consultations although Soviet Russia has repeatedly intimated that they would be welcome.

The French Government's change of attitude the correspondent says, is obviously due to increasing difficulties in the internal situation. — Trans-Ocean.

ARAB SENTENCED TO DEATH

Jerusalem, To-day.

The military tribunal constituted in November last yesterday sentenced to death an Arab who had been convicted on having shot a Jewish civil engineer.

Another Arab who was found in possession of firearms was sentenced to seven years' penal servitude. — Trans-Ocean.

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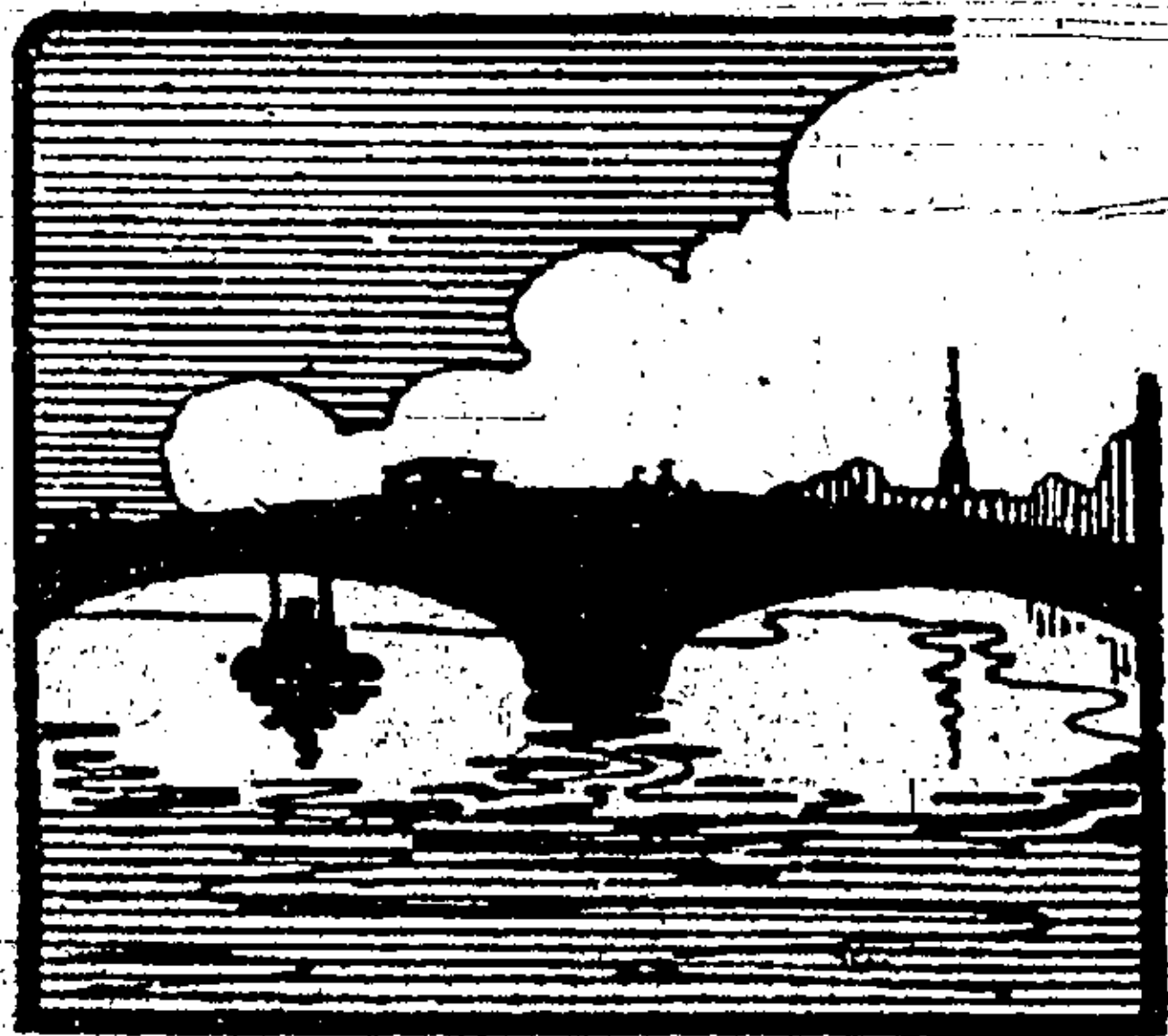
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NUTRITION IN HONG KONG

The announcement that the Colonial Office has received valuable reports from various Colonial Administrations in response to an official request for an investigation of nutritional problems serves as a reminder that nothing has been heard of the work of the Hong Kong Nutrition Committee set up about nine months ago. A great deal of interest was aroused when the inquiry was given official approval, for it was recognised that a more suitable place than this Colony for such a study was difficult to imagine, and that the value of the Committee's work would be tremendously greater than its local applications. Findings regarding malnutrition and its causes in Hong Kong would have, more or less, equal force in relation to a great part of China, certainly of South China, so that the Committee's Report would be perused with great interest in Kwangtung as well as in London and Hong Kong.

The study of correct diet was, until recently, regarded as the fad of cinema stars, valetudinarious and certain doctors. To-day there is a growing appreciation everywhere of the importance of proper foods. Nations are learning that they have suffered great losses in health, happiness and working ability because their people have not been properly fed. The countless advertisements of cures for indigestion and its attendant ills are some evidence of wrong feeding on a national scale, and educated people are becoming increasingly alive to the fact. Facts about beri beri and like troubles have long been known and understood. There is no reason why the supply of pure foods and right foods should not take front rank among local health questions.

The Health Committee of the League of Nations has been res-

ponsible, in a large measure, for the change in official attitude. The Committee has insisted that the feeding of peoples should be approached scientifically and that governments have a part to play in disseminating among their peoples the information collected by the League. Nutrition is a new science and in the words of the League's report "one of the most important aspects of preventive medicine." The League's Health Committee has secured the co-operation of specialists in nutrition, has organised conferences and collated and presented to governments the observations and advice of expert medical opinion. The reports of the experts describe the nutritional needs of human beings, what resources are available to meet them and the consequences of under-nourishment. They also deal with the steps already taken to develop rational nutrition and give examples of organised nutrition.

So for the first time national health administrations have been given scientific data and commended lines of work laid down by one of the most eminent specialists on the subject. It remains for individual nations or local administrations like that of Hong Kong to adopt nutrition policies. The League has further urged that nutrition be made part of the teaching of medical students and that governments should initiate educational campaigns among their peoples.

It may be noted that bound up with this question is another, the value of organising a nation's food in time of war. In Britain there is now a Food (Defence Plans) Department as part of her war preparation. Is it too much to expect the Hong Kong Government to give more urgent consideration to the Colony's food in time of peace and to consider planning on the lines suggested by this new science of nutrition that affects so closely the health and happiness of ordinary citizens?

Excluded From The Mansion House

Anti-Semitism in Rumania, which appears to lost nothing with the disappearance of the Goga Cabinet, is of long standing, and the country in that respect bears as evil a reputation as even Russia in the Tsarist days. It may be recalled that considerable diplomatic excitement was caused in 1902 when Sir Marcus Samuel (afterwards the first Lord Bearsted), on his election as Lord Mayor of London in that year, refused to send the usual invitation to the Lord Mayor's banquet to the Rumanian Minister in order to express his strong feelings at the persecution of his brother Jews which was then taking place in that Balkan State. This direct snub was too much for the diplomatist, and after his own failure to get the embargo removed he appealed to the Foreign Office. However, Sir Marcus Samuel stood firm, claiming that the Mansion House was his private home during his year of office and that he was entitled to say who should and who should not be entertained therein. And in the end the Rumanian Minister, alone of all the Diplomatic Corps, had to stay away from the Lord Mayor's banquet. The incident created a precedent which has never been repeated.

Colony Black-Out Precautions

Broadcast Talk Given By Colonel Irwin

No Waiting Till The Last Minute

A thorough explanation of the reasons for future "black-out" practices, and an appeal to the public to co-operate, were made by Colonel N. M. S. Irwin, G.S.O. I, in an address broadcast from Z.B.W. yesterday evening.

Colonel Irwin said:—

It may be thought that the Government is being unnecessarily annoying by imposing on the Colony a restriction which, for convenience, is called a "Black-Out." It may be considered that when the occasion arises demanding a total eclipse of the lights of the Colony the reason will be so cogent that the people will be ready enough to turn out their lights and sit in darkness until the danger is passed and, therefore, why inconvenience the public by having practice "Black-Outs" now? I will give you two very good reasons why we cannot wait until the last minute, that is to say, until just before an air raid arrives, before extinguishing all the lights in Hong Kong and why, therefore, in war we wish to keep the Colony in such a permanent state of dim illumination that its presence would not be readily disclosed to a hostile airman.

SHORT WARNING

The first reason in that placed as we are on the edge of the sea with no outlying territory on the lines of possible attack, we cannot hope to get early warning of the approach of air raids. Therefore only a few moments at the most before the bombs start to drop can we expect to get news that an air raid is coming. When we get the information at our Military Headquarters how can we get the news out to everyone in time to get them to turn out their lights? No sort of warning signal can be so absolutely effective as to ensure this. But there is a method of acting instantly and thereby darkening the Colony on receipt of news of an impending raid, and that is by turning off all light and power at source by pulling out the switches and closing the taps at the electric light and gas works. That results in a complete "Black-Out" and is a course of action which might be effective were it not for the second reason I am about to give you; but in addition this course brings with it many difficulties and dangers which I will refer to in a moment.

The second good reason why we cannot wait until that last minute is that the aeroplanes can see lights from a great distance further, in fact, than the sound of the aeroplane's engine travels, therefore, before we have even received the warning of the aeroplane's approach it has probably picked up the lights of Hong Kong and so confirmed that it is on its proper course.

You will probably think that this second reason is not a very good one because even if the enemy aeroplane does locate the direction of Hong Kong, by the time it arrives at the point when it has to release its bombs it is fairly certain that most of the lights will have been turned out, in any case enough of them to confuse the airman and

make it difficult for him to pick out the Military Objectives.

BEST OF A BAD JOB

I am afraid we cannot be satisfied with such a gamble and besides, are you so certain that the airman will aim at a Military objective only, releasing his death dealing load only if there is no chance of it falling other than on a Military target? No, you cannot be certain. The bomb will be released all right and what interests you most, therefore, is how to make the best of a bad job. And so we come to the "Black-Out" as one means of making the best of a bad job. The term "Black-Out" is, as I said earlier, convenient, but it is not quite appropriate because it implies the very condition that we thing it wiser to avoid. Complete "Black-Out" would only be possible by cutting off all lights at the mains, and consider for a moment what life would be like under such interrupted conditions. So cinemas or amusements to keep up our spirits, could continue under these conditions. Think of the alarm and probably panic which might occur in crowded houses when the lights suddenly go out and when in hot weather the fans stop as well. What of operations in Hospitals cut short at critical moments until alternative illumination can be brought into action, or lifts suddenly stopped leaving you entrapped between floors. Furthermore, many technical difficulties follow with street lighting, with hot water or cold storage and refrigerator systems, and even with milking processes at the Dairy Farm.

Throughout a war in which we are exposed to air attack, should we accept these dangers and disadvantages or should we try out a self imposed degree of restricted or subdued lighting all night and every night, which will be just enough to meet our own essential needs, but not enough to be of material assistance to the Bomber aeroplane? The Air Raids Precautions Subcommittee believes this latter to be the correct policy.

The slogan "Business as usual" which formed almost the basis of the British Home Policy in 1914, if sensibly applied might well become the slogan for the Lighting Policy of the Colony so long as "Business as usual" does not cause us to detract one whit from our determination to surmount the great danger of invasion by land and sea.

To implement this policy successfully, much practice, much honest co-operation and understanding by the people will be necessary.

QUEEN MARY HOSPITAL

To give you an example of what can be done by individual effort. I will tell you the case of the Queen Mary Hospital. You all know what a prominent heavily windowed building it is. Well, the Medical Officer in charge took the problem before

him of screening his essential lights most seriously and knowing this, on the occasion of the last "Black-Out," I flew over the hospital circling the building twice. I saw no tell-tale lights whatever. When I returned to my office I rang the Medical Officer in charge of the Hospital and told him how successful his efforts had been and added this question "Are you prepared to carry on under your present lighting conditions for two months?" He said he was. That shows exactly what we want and what can be done.

In a similar way we want people to arrange the screening of their own house lights so that they cannot be seen from outside and in this connection it is comforting to know that it takes quite a thin curtain to screen a light so long as the colour of the curtain is dark; similarly blued electric light bulbs or shaded lamps directed away from windows provide adequate internal lighting without being conspicuous from outside. It is the naked light which is most conspicuous from the air, a screened light, even a car side lamp, provided it has a thin paper covering is, except from extremely low altitudes, practically invisible from

the air; so really the individuals task is not such a difficult one.

DON'T FUNK IT!

The conditions of the next "Black-Out" practice have been published in the Press and some explanatory announcements are also being made daily from this studio. The rules are simple and if strictly adhered to relatively very little inconvenience will be caused. But don't funk it like many people did in December and just put out your lights and walk in the streets or go to bed. That is not practice. Will you, therefore, regard this coming "Black-Out" and others which will inevitably follow at certain intervals as real practices to enable you to carry out your own experiments in restricting lights and to get accustomed to a degree of subdued lighting which will enable you to continue to exist in War in reasonable comfort and added security.

The alternative must be the absolute "Black-Out" achieved only by cutting off all power and light at source, a measure which the Government wishes to avoid and which I am sure you will agree should if possible, be avoided.

He Returned From Siberia After 22 Years In Exile

The "Pesti Naplo" reports the return from Siberia of a Hungarian sergeant called Balog Nagy, who was taken prisoner on June 6, 1916, during the Brusilov offensive.

In a barrage that lasted forty-eight hours Balog Nagy received several wounds. He was picked up by Russian soldiers and sent to the Grand Duchess Tatiana's hospital in Tsarskoje Selo, where he remained for nearly a year.

Almost every day the hospital was visited by the Tsarina and her daughters. These visits were somewhat troublesome to the prisoners, and brought no advantage except two sweets wrapped in silver paper and some sacred pictures, which the Tsarina distributed each time she arrived.

Balog Nagy had belonged to the sixty-sixth regiment, and had succeeded in rescuing the regimental flag and in carrying it with him to the hospital, where he had some difficulty in keeping it concealed under his pillow.

In the summer of 1917 he went to Moscow, where a large number of Hungarian soldiers were waiting to be sent home. Instead of this, however, the Hungarians were sent

to Siberia and put on a free footing.

In Irkutsk Balog Nagy met a Russian widow whose husband had been killed at the storming of Przemyśl, and married her, becoming the father of two sons. The family lived happily until last summer, when the wife and two sons died of cholera.

Having no further ties in Russia Balog Nagy set out for Moscow on foot, taking months on the way, and received a permit to return to Hungary from the Hungarian Charge d'Affaires.

Balog Nagy states that many hundreds of Hungarians are scattered over Siberia farming small plots of ground. Those who adopted Russian citizenship are given the same rights as born Russians, and are favoured above the Hungarians who retained their own nationality.

Since Balog Nagy left the hospital about twenty years ago he has carried his regiment's flag on his person day and night, sewn into the lining of his waistcoat.

Many bullet holes may be seen on the torn faded piece of silk, and a few rags of the ribbons which were the farewell gifts of young girls before the regiment set out for the front.

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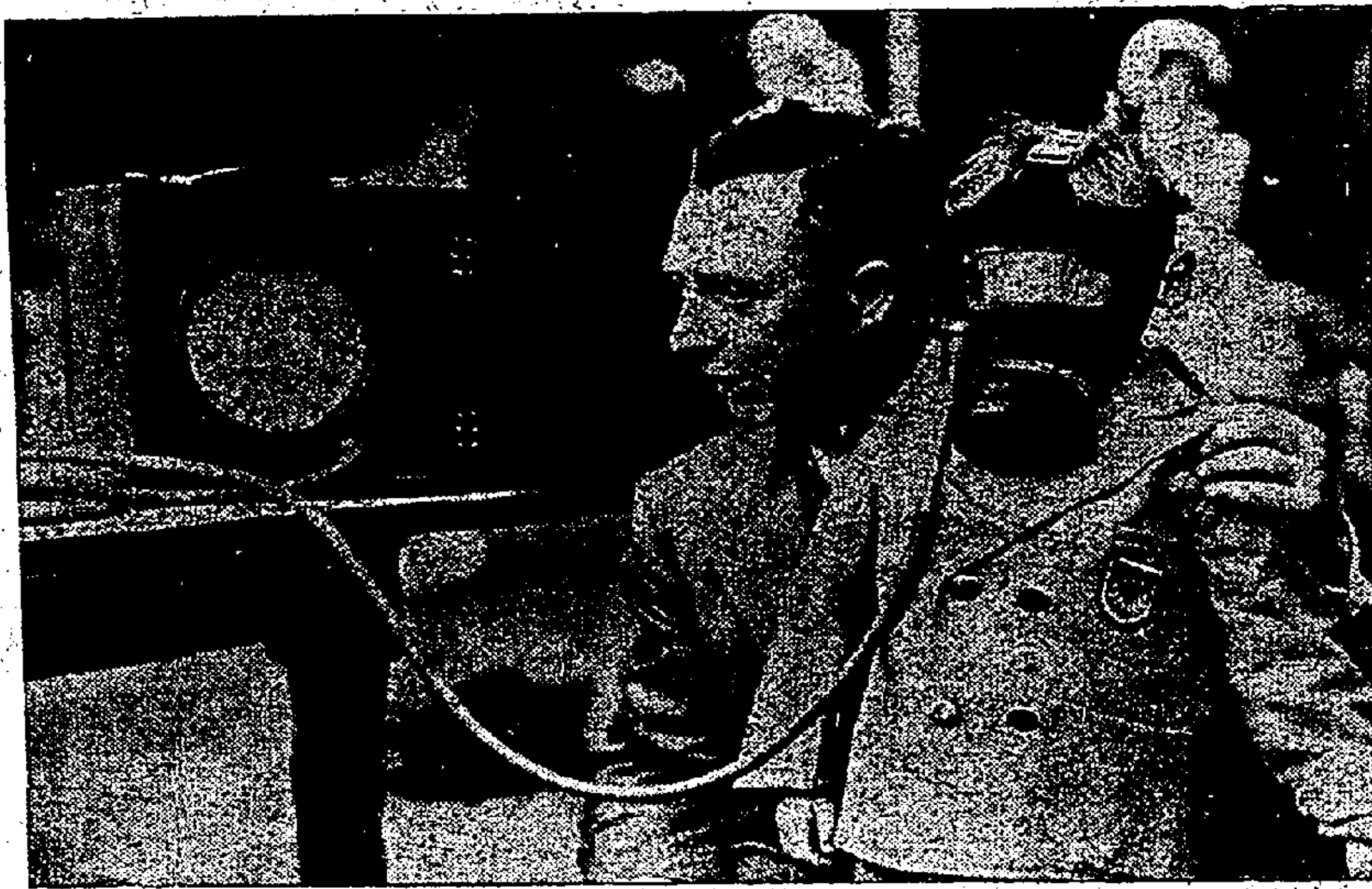
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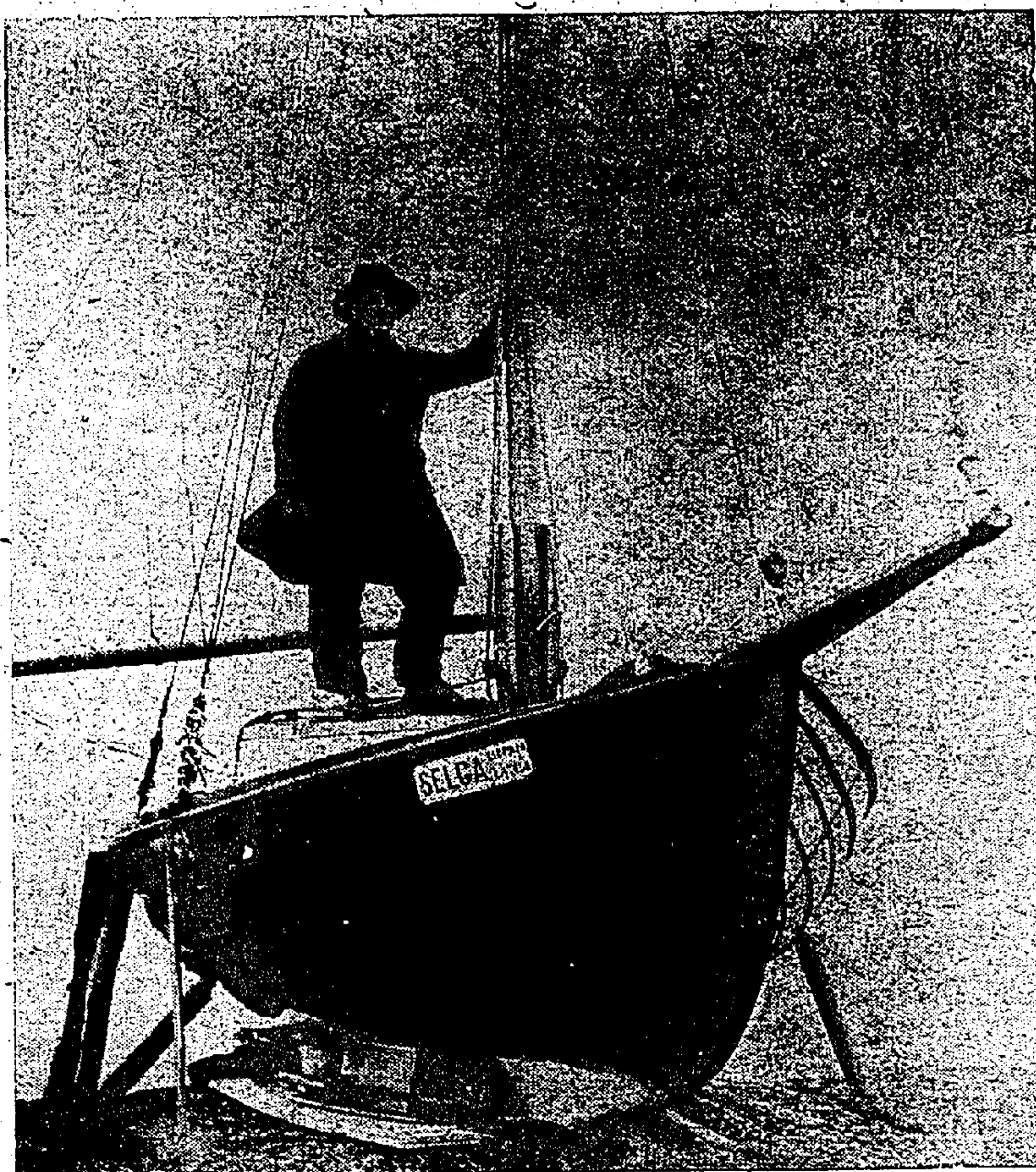
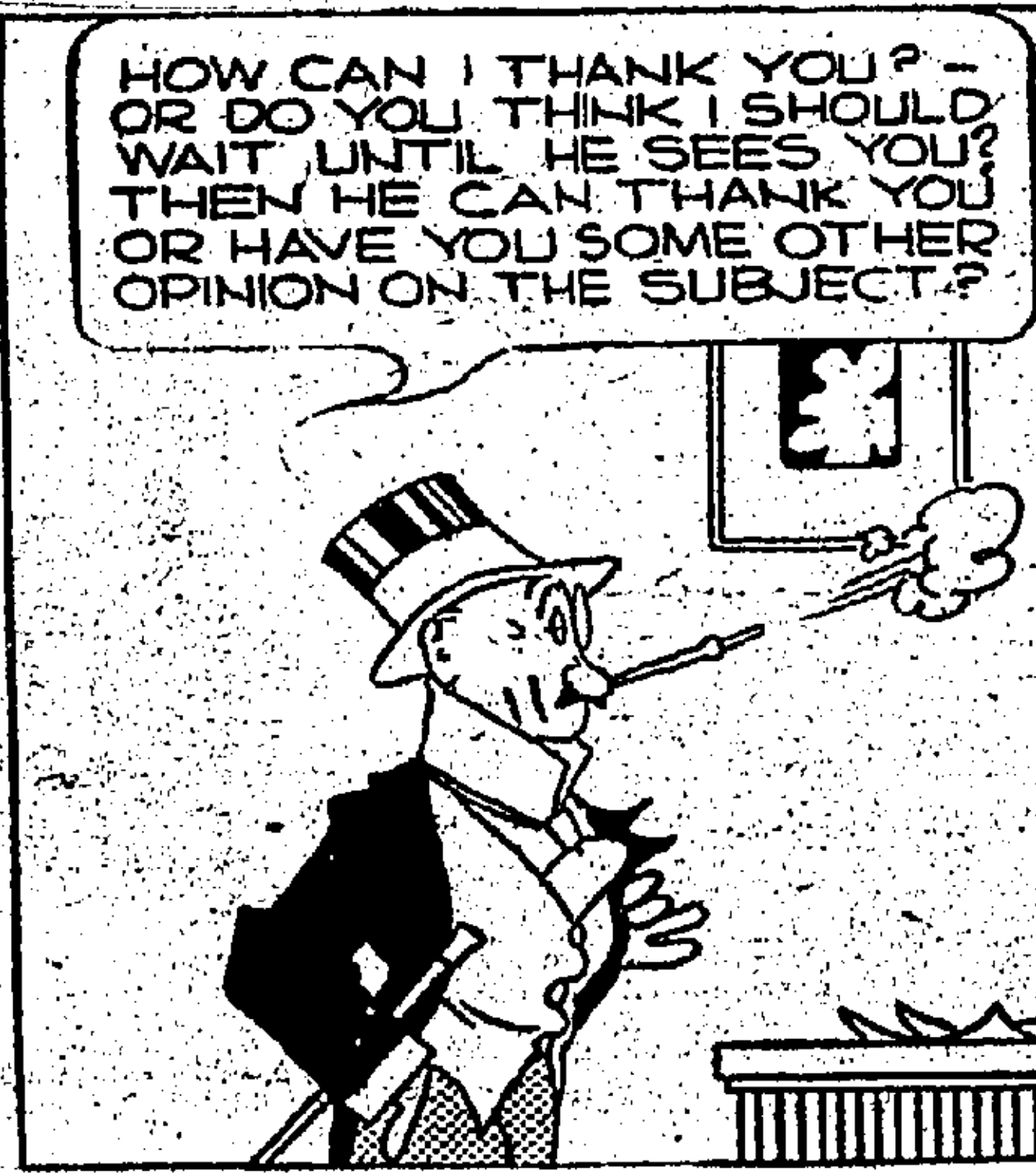
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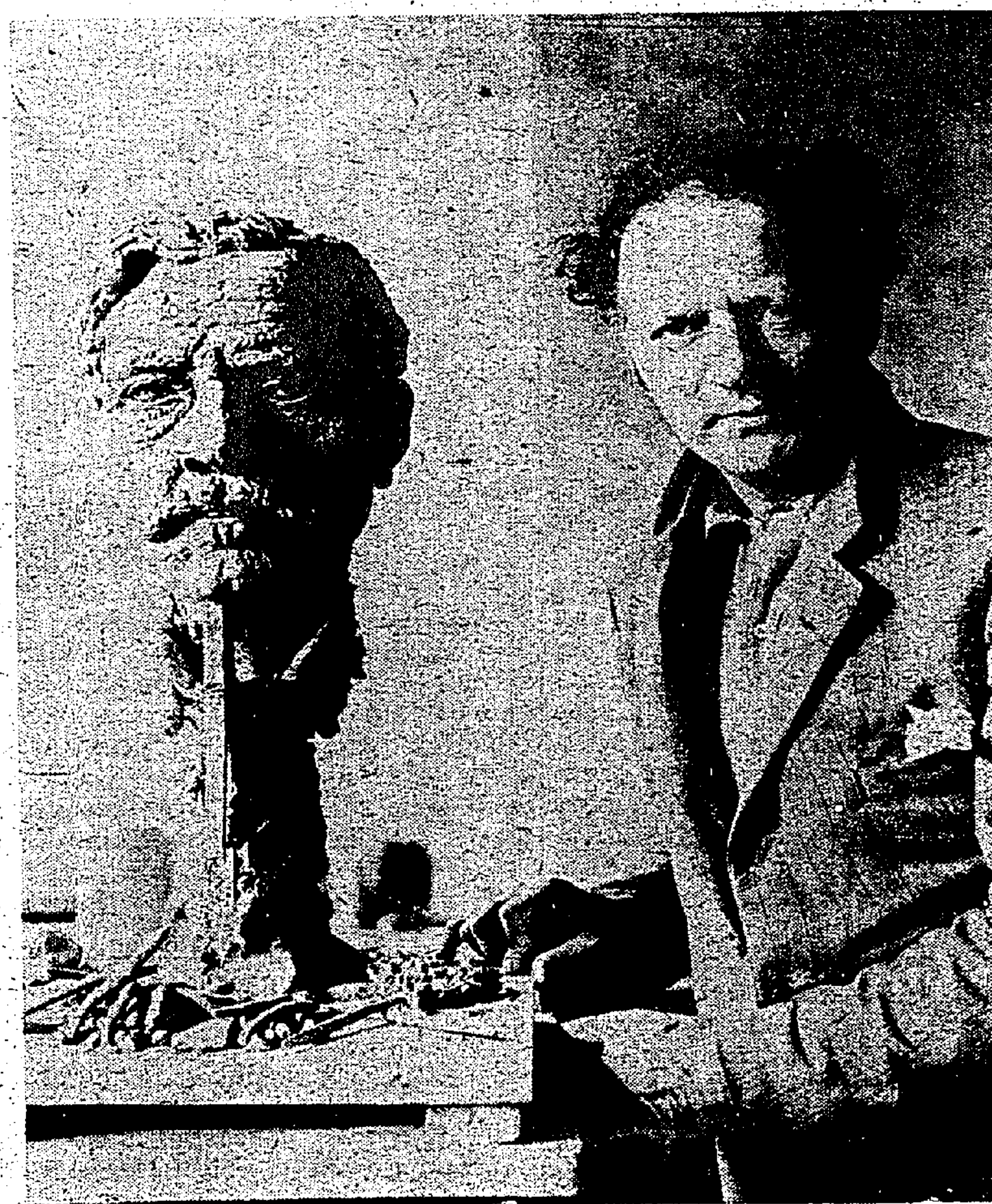
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Only babies in arms are now unprovided for in the event of an air raid in Britain. A test has just proved that toddlers between two and four can wear gas masks. Photo shows—The "breathing clock" used to record a child's breathing while wearing a gas mask. (Copyright).

Bringing Up Father.

Freu Kessel, is preparing at Aldeburgh, Suffolk, to sail round the world in a yacht the size of an ordinary ship's lifeboat for the second time. His yacht is the Selga, 23 feet long, which cost him four pounds. (Copyright).



The National Portrait Gallery has purchased Epstein's bronze bust of Mr. Ramsay MacDonald. It will probably be exhibited at the Tate Gallery. The bust was executed in 1935, shortly before Mr. MacDonald retired from the Premiership. Photo shows—Mr. Epstein with his bust of Mr. Ramsay MacDonald. (Copyright: By Air Mail).

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Silkylight Is Champion For The Year

"RAPIER" REVIEWS THE MAIN RACES AT ANNUAL MEETING

With the exception of to-day's racing, another Annual Race Meeting has practically come to an end, and, judging by comments I have heard in every direction, the 1938 Meeting is regarded as one of the most successful sporting events in recent years. Clean, wholesome sport predominated, and the successful culmination of this Meeting is due in no small measure to the care and attention which the Stewards and Officials of the Hong Kong Jockey Club have taken in ensuring that all arrangements are carried out with absolute precision and the minimum of discomfort.

The fine weather which prevailed last Monday was responsible for the presence of one of the largest crowds I have seen for a long time. The public stand was packed to its utmost capacity, and many found difficulty in obtaining adequate standing room to watch the races. It was certainly a fine day for running off the Derby. The attendance on the next two days was quite good, but not to the same marked extent as last Monday, when the number of persons present must have constituted a record.

THE MAIDEN STAKES

In this race, which was contested by new griffins, spectators were given a taste of what Silkylight was capable of doing. On the rise of the barrier, Mr. Moller was fortunate in sending Silkylight out to a commanding lead, and it was never overhauled, although Mr. Encarnacao made a gallant attempt on Cameronian. What disappointed me most was the failure of Humdrum Eve, as I considered it a fast pony over short distances, but beyond its bold effort in the back straight it was hopelessly outclassed.

THE SYDNEY MAIDEN STAKES

Divided into two sections, the first one provided a most thrilling finish. Known for his ability to get off to flying starts, Mr. Proulx made no mistake on Annabella. It shot out into a good lead, and but for its sudden lapse in swerving away from the rails in the home straight it might have won. Tornado Star, the ultimate winner, was left stranded at the start, but it responded gamely to Mr. Marshall's urge, and just pipped Annabella at the post. Ridden by Mr. Poy, Lucky Lad very nearly created a sensational upset, as it was only beaten by Annabella for second place by a narrow margin.

The finish of the second section was tame in comparison. Backed with the utmost confidence by the betting public, Little Audrey caused most bitter disappointment. It had an atrociously bad start, and by the time it got going Criffel was a long way ahead, and it was a forlorn task. Criffel won with many lengths to spare, and Macquarie River (Mr. Maitland) was also in front of Little Audrey at the finish.

THE TRIAL PLATE

In the absence of Desert Chief, which was reserved for the Derby, the main contenders in this race were Confusion Bay (Mr. Maitland) and Moonlight View (Mr. Needa). It was a great race, and what a thrilling finish it turned out to be! Always keeping back within striking distance, Moon-

light View was trailing behind Confusion Bay most of the way until coming into the straight. It was at this stage that Moonlight View came into line with its opponent, and these two were neck and neck for the rest of the way. The result, a dead-heat, was very popularly received, but had Mr. Needa brought up Moonlight View a fraction of a second earlier, he might have won.

THE VALLEY STAKES

In my previous notes on the new subscription griffins, I stated that it was possible that, as in the case of Gordito last year, there was a pony whose training had been kept in the dark, and this turned out to be correct. Many of course knew that Desert Star was the "dark horse," as its win only paid a little over \$41.00, but the majority of racing fans had no hint of its ability, and it was hardly mentioned in the local press as the likely winner of the Valley Stakes. It was cleverly ridden by Mr. R. B. Moller, and as a result of that race, and his subsequent win in the Derby on Silkylight, Mr. Moller has established a reputation on the local turf as a very clever jockey. The race itself was most interesting, Desert Star holding on to its slim lead, with Smiling Thru following closely behind, and Louis XIV filling third place. Incidentally, there was only one person in the "Daily Double" betting who succeeded in making the right nomination on Desert Star, and accordingly he reaped his reward with the handsome payment of \$3,037.00!

THE PERTH PLATE

After its failure in the Sydney Maidens on Saturday, Annabella came back within striking distance, Moon-

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OUTSIDER: Fei Ying

RACE NO. 2:

GOLDEN COW.
ALI BABA.

FIVE RULERS.

OUTSIDER: Planchet

RACE NO. 3:

HALF MOON EVE.
LANCASHIRE LASS.

ADVANCING TIME.

OUTSIDER: Lucky

RACE NO. 4:

DERBY DAY.
RANGER.

A GREAT TIME.

OUTSIDER: Zodiac

RACE NO. 5:

LOUIS XIV.
SMILING THRU.

DESERT STAR.

OUTSIDER: Piet Hein

RACE NO. 6:

PLAIN VIEW.
YTHAN.
LAUGHING GIRL.

OUTSIDER: Royal Consort

RACE NO. 7:

SOLDIER OF HONOUR.
COSSACK'S BEAUTY.

WILD LIFE.

OUTSIDER: Soldier Of Britain

RACE NO. 8:

STRATHROY.
ELECTRON.

GYPSY LOVE.

OUTSIDER: Lancashire Chips

RACE NO. 9:

BOOLAT BAY.
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DAILY DOUBLE: Derby Day and Plain View

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The start of the Ladies' Purse over 7 furlongs and 49 yards last



Miss Judy Smith, daughter of the Hon. Mr. N. L. Smith, presenting the Ladies' Purse to Mr. C. Encarnacao after his exciting win on Mr. Eu Tong-sen's Potentate. Mr. M. T. Johnson, Chairman of the Stewards, is seen on the left. ("Mail" photo).

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out with blinkers, and this had the desired effect of keeping it on a straight course. Of course, beyond A Lovely Time and Macquarie River, there was hardly any opposition, and, after assuming the lead after passing the Rock, Annabella won fairly easily. In the second section there was great expectation of a keen struggle between King's Privilege (Mr. Needa) and Little Audrey (Mr. H. C. Pih), but hopes of those who supported King's Privilege were rudely shattered when the pony became restive on the rise of the barrier. By the time it got moving, Little Audrey was a long way ahead, and it won easily. Mr. Needa made a great effort on King's Privilege, but it had to be content with third place, with Murray River (Mr. Maitland) second.

THE GARRISON CUP

Anticipations of a keen battle in this race between Bistre (Mr. H. C. Pih) and Rose Evelyn (Mr. Encarnacao) were nearly justified. The Garrison Cup was won last year by Bistre, and Mr. Pih was out to score a consecutive win, and he succeeded. Rose Evelyn tried to behave badly when the start was made, but Mr. Encarnacao knew how to handle the pony. Despite a slightly bad start, Rose Evelyn was actually in front on rounding the bend, but Bistre had the stronger finish and won the race amidst applause.

THE MELBOURNE CUP

Contested by the best among the old Australian ponies, those who saw this race will long remember the great victory which Mr. Needa scored on Elec-

tron. Always beaten by Strathroy when these two clashed in the past, the owners of Electron had the satisfaction of seeing their pony inflicting a belated defeat on Strathroy, but full credit must be given to Mr. Needa, who succeeded where other jockeys had failed. Strathroy took the lead as usual, followed by Lancashire Chips and Able Amazon. Mr. Needa was content to keep Electron a length or so behind. Within a hundred yards from the end, it appeared as if Strathroy had the race won, but to the amazement of all Electron shot forward and won, with Strathroy second and Gypsy Love third. After such a brilliant performance, Electron must be seriously considered in the Australian Champions, which will be run today. As a result of this win, I shall not be surprised to see it win the classic.

THE HONG KONG DERBY

By the time this race was due to start, the congestion in both stands had become acute. There was hardly any room to move about, so great was the interest taken in the running of the Derby. The appearance of Desert Chief in the paddock evoked very favourable comment.

The ponies were got away to a good start, with Desert Chief jumping out into the lead, which it gradually increased until it was actually six lengths in front. The race was run at a great pace, and my first impression was that it was not easy for Desert Chief to produce a fast last quarter, which ultimately turned out to be correct. Mr. Moller, on Silkyllight, restrained his mount, and he certainly re-

vealed splendid judgment after Desert Chief the straight. It was he sent Silkyllight for reaching the mile distance was won and he appeared tired out, but finish in front of Conlight's win was most ed, and, on being led on one side, and his other, Mr. Moller reception.

SUBSCRIPTION CHALLENGE

—Louis XIV and De the honours in the former having slight Desert Star was ridden and this no doubt a great number of tickets, and it certainly full value for though it lost. The snail's pace, but it coming into the str was leading, with De ing a length behind Needa did, Desert Star haul Louis XIV.

THE GOVERN

This was a grand Golden Cow (Mr. S Smiling Thru (Mr. E chet (Mr. Needa) ag tactics, but could not end was fought out first-named ponies. them could win, w slightly in the lead, got through in time half a length.

The Cup was presented by the Governor Eu Tong Sen in full and in doing so he on winning his cup, gave him great pleasure. His E ly remarked that which Mr. Eu Tong may become necessary a special house to him phies.

THE ROOTY-B

Talked about as the winning the Rooty-B Audrey proved a d even ran unplaced. understand why Mr. Audrey out into suc lead over the first a hot pace, the pony produce a finish st formidably opposition hand, Mr. Marshall well in control, and after passing the forward. Coming Tomado Star incre

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Striking Analysis At Annual Meeting Of Bank HOPEFUL TONE REGARDING THE FUTURE OUTLOOK

Mr. Miskin Deprecates Despondency FIFTEEN MILLION DOLLARS PROFIT LAST YEAR

"It is not easy for us at the present moment to see through the dense forest of gloom in which China and Japan stand. On both sides there are dangerous tendencies and pitfalls. Trade can only flourish when confidence and enterprise go hand in hand."

"If the policy of His Majesty's Government engenders confidence, then the Far Eastern merchant can be trusted to show enterprise," declared Mr. G. Miskin, chairman of the Board of Directors of the Hong Kong and Shanghai Banking Corporation at the annual meeting of shareholders held this morning at the head office of the Corporation.

"At the moment," he said later, "the outlook is cheerless and it is easy to become depressed." but there are reasons for not regarding the future with too much pessimism.

Surveying the Far Eastern crisis, the Bank chairman pointed out that so far from intervening to bring the conflict to an end, the leading Western countries were seen aligned into groups supporting widely opposed theories of government under such conditions, British interests in the Far East might well be pictured as a small item in the sum total of the vast interests of the British Commonwealth.

SIAN AS THE KEYPOINT

"The year started so well and ended so differently . . . The Sian affair was a keypoint in Sino-Japanese relations. The result was an accession of strength to those Chinese who, rightly or wrongly, saw no hope of co-operation with Japan and advocated a policy of stern resistance to aggression . . . In China itself there were signs of stability and progress such as had not been apparent for many years . . . It is doubtful if the cloud could have been dissipated even with the best will in the world . . . Accumulations of aggravations made it almost inevitable that a storm would have to take place before the air could be cleared.

Discussing trade prospects, Mr. Miskin suggested that the catastrophe was perhaps magnified in the eyes of many, adding that while the effect of continued hostilities would be serious, there would be adjustments. A loss in one place would become a gain in another and there was no reason to be too despondent.

PEACE SHOULD NOT BE DELAYED

"It is, however, of the greatest importance that peace on reasonable terms should not long be delayed. Otherwise the dislocations will be less easily repaired."

Mr. Miskin urged that as an international trustee Sir Frederick Maze must be given international support in preserving the integrity of the customs administration, and that the times call for a strengthening rather than a weakening of the present Municipal Council administration in the International Settlement. He drew attention to the fact that the "Open Door" in Manchukuo is almost a thing of the past.

The Chairman said:—Ladies and Gentlemen,—Since our last Annual Meeting, a Knighthood has been conferred upon Sir Vandeuleur Grayburn by His Majesty the King.

During a period of unprecedented difficulty Sir Vandeuleur has been both a tower of strength to the Bank and a wise and able counsellor in the financial affairs of the Colony. I am sure that you will join me in congratulating him very warmly upon the well-deserved honour which he has received.

The Report and Statement of Accounts having been in your hands for the required period, I will, with your permission, take them as read.

BANK'S PROFIT

After making full provision for all known losses and contingencies, the net profits for the year amount to \$15,432,216.84 to which must be added \$3,340,789.84 brought forward from last year.

After deducting the interim dividend of £400,000 paid at 1/2.5/8 and Directors' remuneration, there remains available for distribution \$12,127,542.35 which it is proposed to deal with as follows:—

To pay a final dividend of £3 per share (subject to deduction of income tax) . . .	\$7,744,537.82
Transfer to Bank Premises	1,000,000.00
Carry forward to New Account	3,383,004.53
	\$12,127,542.35

The figures of our Balance Sheet have been converted at 1/2.7/8, the same as last year, so a comparison is an easy matter once more.

NOTE ISSUE

The principal change is in our note issue which has increased by some \$72.1/2 million and is shown this year in two amounts, while on the other side Hong Kong Government Certificates of Indebtedness show as a separate item of just over \$170 million as cover for our excess issue.

The Hong Kong Government now publish at stated periods the condition of the currency fund, from which it can be seen that well over 100 per cent. cover is held by them against the Certificates of indebtedness which we hold. It is not only a great satisfaction to your Board to know that our liability to the public is so well secured but also that the currency of the Colony is in such a sound condition.

Other changes in the Balance Sheet have not been very startling; Bills Payable are up about \$6.3/4 million, Current Accounts up \$51 million, while Fixed Deposits are down \$29 million.

LOANS DOWN

On the other side Cash with Certificates of Indebtedness is up \$61 million, Securities up \$28 million, Bills Receivable up \$46 million, while Loans are down \$26 million.

Your Directors are very glad to be able to present to you to-day such a sound Balance Sheet and a welcome Profit & Loss Account at such a time. All known and likely losses have been amply provided for, and in addition a moderate sum has been allocated for any possible losses which may come to light later on.

SINO-JAPANESE HOSTILITIES

Conditions in the Far East are to-day more serious than they have ever been in the history of our Bank. The two great nations of the Orient are at grips grimly determined to fight it out. All the efforts made in recent years to outlaw war through treaties, pacts and covenants have broken down. So far from intervening to bring this conflict to an end, the leading Western countries are seen aligned into groups supporting widely opposed theories of Government; watching each other intently like boxers at the opening of their bout. Under such conditions British interests in the Far East might well be pictured in the eyes of His Majesty's Government as only a small item in the sum total of the vast interests of the British Commonwealth of Nations. Nevertheless, the indications are that the importance of the Far Eastern question is fully realized, and very welcome was the statement issued last August at a critical time in Shanghai which formally promised "all possible measures to protect British lives and interests" at that port. We feel confident that when necessary and in face of every difficulty we can count on support for our legitimate interests.

WORDS OF WARNING

Few years have seen such contrasts as the past year in China and it is a sad task to set about reviewing the political situation there during 1937. The year started so well and ended so differently. In each of the past few years your Chairmen have uttered words of warning about the dangers inherent in the unsatisfactory political relations between Japan and China. Last year your Chairman stated that relations with Japan dominated the political scene. He mentioned that negotiations between the two countries were, when he spoke, in suspense as a result of the Sian incident when General Chiang Kai-shek was kidnapped. That affair, it now appears, was a key-point in Sino-Japanese relations.

The result was an accession of strength to those Chinese who, rightly or wrongly, saw no hope of co-operation with Japan and advocated a policy of stern resistance to aggression.

The subsequent meeting of the 3rd Plenary Session of the Central Executive Committee last February confirmed that line of action, which had already been made one of the main planks in the policy of the Kwangsi leaders and of the Communists. From that time on it seems that the influence of those who wished for compromise, and delay gradually waned. An understanding was reached with the Communist army and the way was prepared for action by a united China as soon as the need should arise.

EARLY HOPES

You will remember that early in the year the liberal and friendly tone

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RECUPERATIVE POWER OF CHINA

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of the utterances of General Hayashi, then the Japanese Prime Minister, and of Mr. Sato, his Foreign Minister, caused a feeling of optimism in regard to the development of relations between the two countries. In China itself there were signs of stability and progress such as had not been apparent for many years. The outlook was, in fact, hopeful though we were aware that the cloud of Sino-Japanese distrust still hovered in an ill-omened way on the horizon. It is doubtful if this cloud could have been dissipated even with the best will in the world. An accumulation of aggravations made it almost inevitable that a storm would have to take place before the air could be cleared. But I do not propose to detain you with any comments about the causes and origins of the war (let us be frank and call it war outright). Our Bank is in a delicate position because of its interests in all parts of the Far East, and at critical times like these the old proverb "least said soonest mended" proves its aptness.

The easy and rapid transmission of news from one end of the world to the other is sometimes a mixed blessing. Too many spokesmen are in fact quite as bad as too many cooks.

REMARKABLE FIGURES

Let us turn from politics to trade. You all know how promising the situation was during the first half of the year. Prices were rising, the improvement in communications by rail, road and air was opening up the country more and more, the standard of living was improving owing to good crop conditions in the interior as well as the greater demand for export produce; furthermore, exchange, both internal and external, had never in our time remained for so long a period with such small variations. Proof of this satisfactory state of affairs can be seen in the Chinese Customs returns. At the end of July exports had increased 45% and imports 36% as compared with the same period in 1936. Later imports and exports of course fell off, the former more than the latter, but it is remarkable that the end of the year the import and export figures together yet showed an increase of approximately 9% over 1936.

The political barometer is still too low to warrant a forecast of fine weather for merchants in the near future.

In Central China the channels of foreign trade are now affected as never before since the opening of the treaty ports. Yet, may I be so bold as to suggest that for this very reason the catastrophe is perhaps magnified in the eyes of many. If, as seems likely, the Yangtze Valley continues to suffer throughout the spring and summer, the effect on trade in general will naturally be serious, but there will be adjustments. A loss here will become a gain there, and I do not think it necessary to be too despondent.

RECUPERATIVE POWER

We shall have to wait a time for a real recovery, but the recuperative powers of both Japan and China are great, and will in due course be sure. Even now we see how China's misfortunes are leading to developments in the Western provinces which might otherwise have been unattempted for decades. It is, however, of the greatest importance that peace on reasonable terms should not be long delayed. Otherwise the dislocations will be less easily repaired; there will be the danger of other countries becoming involved, while both combatants may be driven into desperate expedients which will deadlock all trade.

Meantime we extend our deepest sympathy to the sufferers in the war areas where the conditions have not been paralleled since the Taiping Rebellion of some 80 years ago. Distress is also great in the foreign communities. The Lord Mayor's Mansion House Fund gave help at a most opportune moment, but further help is needed and the International Red Cross organisations at Shanghai and Hankow also deserve liberal support. I should further like to express a word of sympathy to the re-

lations of the members of the British forces who lost their lives while serving at Shanghai, and to Sir Hughe Knatchbull-Hugessen at his misfortune in being seriously wounded when travelling from Nanking to Shanghai on official duty.

CHINA'S CURRENCY

At a time like the present for obvious reasons it is impossible for those outside Government circles to make any reliable statement of the currency and financial position of China, or for that matter of Japan. Wartime conditions prevail and must be faced with a realisation of the dislocations which they mean. However, due credit must be given to those who have directed China's foreign exchange market during the year.

Stability has been maintained, and in fact during the early part of the year, as threats of unorthodox financial experiments were warded off, the new currency gained in strength and merchants showed increasing confidence.

There was, of course, valuable co-operation on the part of foreign banks. Moreover, a number of factors assisted towards equilibrium in the balance of payments: commodity prices were still rising; there had been two years of bumper crops; internal conditions were quieter than for some time; the opening-up of the country was increasing the circulation of banknotes; arrangements for the formation of a sound and modern lines of a Central Reserve Bank were well advanced, and a fresh attempt at budget control had been initiated. Such was the situation when in July the first signs of a serious conflict were seen. In August, when the fighting broke out at Shanghai and bombs fell in the business centre of the Settlement, it was necessary to take steps to prevent a panic, so restrictions were placed on the withdrawals of deposits in the Chinese banks.

These measures were supplemented by what is known as the Wei-Wah or blocked currency system, which permitted the constituents of the Chinese Banks to transfer funds from one blocked account to another by means of Wei-Wah cheques or orders.

This proved effective in preventing any large-scale panic flight from the currency though it was subjected to pressure for some time. Gradually the demand for foreign currencies declined appreciably and at the end of the year the problem was no longer so serious.

SILVER INTEREST

China's interest in silver remains dependent on its conversion into a currency reserve fund in gold or foreign exchange. Thus, during the year, large amounts of silver were shipped from Hong Kong to foreign countries on account of China. Last summer Dr. H. H. Kung made an arrangement with Mr. Morgenthau for the ear-marking of gold against Chinese silver. This was supplementary to the agreement of May 1936 under which the United States Treasury had already arranged to purchase regular and substantial amounts of silver from China and to provide facilities in United States dollar exchange for currency stabilisation purposes.

No official figures are available to show what funds in gold or foreign exchange are held by the Chinese Government, and while abnormal conditions prevail we can hardly expect progress to be made in the publication of reliable statistics.

LOAN SETTLEMENTS

At the beginning of 1937 the Chinese Government was still negotiating for a readjustment of certain foreign debts in arrears. In April the London Bondholders' Committee, constituted to deal with such questions, recommended the acceptance of terms for a settlement of the Hsin-Kuang Railway Loan similar to those already adopted in readjustment of the Tientsin-Pukow Railway Loan. Two United States dollar loans were also put on a new basis, namely the Chicago Bank Loan and the Pacific Development Corporation Loan, both dating from 1919. Its foster parents, the International

Furthermore, the good work of settling up certain long outstanding advances and material debts to Government departments proceeded satisfactorily.

The conclusion of agreements regarding the Chinese Government loans in default and the improved outlook in China to which I have already referred, had a favourable effect on Chinese bonds quoted on the London Stock Exchange and it was thought, early in the year, that it might shortly be possible to bridge the hiatus in the London issues of Chinese loans which had existed since the Reorganisation Loan of 1913.

The Minister of Railways first initiated discussions regarding the possible flotation of loans for new railway construction in China. Subsequently, when Dr. Kung was in London for the Coronation ceremonies, negotiations for the building of a railway from Canton across Kwangtung to Meihien made progress.

NO AGREEMENT

At the same time Dr. H. H. Kung also broached the subject of a loan to be used partly to provide additional assistance in the stabilisation of the Chinese currency and partly for the refunding of a portion of the domestic debt. We were consulted about this matter but no agreement was reached. We were, and are, bound by the agreement of 1920 between the International Consortium Group of banks, so we naturally sought the views of the other groups in regard to both these projects. They of course had to be left in abeyance when the Sino-Japanese conflict commenced.

CUSTOMS INTEGRITY

The Chinese Customs Revenue in 1937 amounted to no less than \$342 millions, an increase of \$18 millions over 1936, thanks to the excellent start given in the first 7 months of the year. You are aware that negotiations are proceeding in regard to the Customs tariff and administration in the areas controlled by the Japanese forces. It is hardly necessary for me to emphasise how important it is that the Customs Administration should remain as now constituted, and continue to be the sole instrument controlling Customs affairs throughout the whole country.

The present administrative system has weathered political upheavals and civil strife over many years and the maintenance of its existing status and credit is unquestionably to the advantage of both China and Japan, in order that in due course the refinancing and rehabilitation of the country may proceed smoothly.

I am glad to say that repeated assurances have been given by the Japanese that the foreign loans will be respected. Sir Frederick Maze is in a difficult position. He is an official of the Chinese Government, but as Custodian of the revenues earmarked for the service of important foreign loans he has certain responsibilities which are of an international nature. Bondholders of all countries look to him to steer a course between strongly conflicting currents. We are confident that with his customary tact and political sagacity he is doing his utmost to preserve the integrity of this important administration. As an international trustee he deserves international support. The foreign powers have in the past brought their influence to bear under similar circumstances and they are, we understand, doing so now, particularly as the retention of the "Open Door" in China depends a good deal on the continued existence of an internationalised Customs Administration such as exists at the present time.

SALT REVENUE

The Salt Revenue in 1937 is reported to have been very much the same as in 1936 owing to further increased taxation, but the Salt Administration has unfortunately failed to maintain its control over the North China Salt areas. This Administration has been in the situation of an "unlucky duckling" alongside the favoured Customs, and it has therefore been rather neglected by its foster parents, the International

powers. Nevertheless it is important that the Customs & Salt should be treated on an equivalent basis, as the arguments used in the one case apply also in the other. The outstanding foreign loans secured on the Salt Revenues require a comparatively modest annual remittance of funds and the revenues collected should continue to be ample for these requirements.

It is satisfactory to be able to note that, in spite of the war, the National Government has continued regularly to pay the foreign loan obligations secured on the Customs, Salt and Railways.

SHANGHAI STATUS

Before I pass on to deal with other countries in which we operate, you will expect me to say something about Shanghai since its status is likely to be a prominent subject once again in coming months. This is a matter which is of very great importance to all foreign business interests in Shanghai. We have seen the neutrality of a part of the International Settlement violated during the recent fighting. This would probably have been avoided if intervention had taken place in the early stages and thereby much loss of life and property might have been saved. The value of the existing Settlement regime cannot be questioned: one has only to visualise the situation had there been no Settlement at all to get justification for its continuance in an unimpaired form.

If and when the Powers are prepared to negotiate and agree upon some new regime for Shanghai, then of course the situation will be altered, but in the meantime it seems to me and to your Directors that, as a result of the recent events at Shanghai, we have sufficient cause to call for a strengthening rather than a weakening of the present Municipal Council Administration.

There should, moreover, be guarantees which will ensure the strict observance of neutrality in regard to its boundaries. The difficulties of this Shanghai problem are immense, but they deserve the close attention of the Powers whose responsibility it is to obtain at any rate a satisfactory *modus vivendi* if an agreement on a permanent basis cannot be found just yet.

And now to turn away from China:

IN HONG KONG

Here in Hong Kong we have been fortunate in that the misfortunes of China have not so far had any ill-effects on the Colony. In fact, many of our local industries have made satisfactory progress during the year. It is however certain that for real and lasting prosperity the Colony must rely upon normal and sound trading conditions in China and the present struggle is therefore being watched with much anxiety.

In Japan foreign trade has continued to increase in value. The excess of imports was at one time unusually high, but the imposition of stricter import controls effected a reduction and the year ended, according to the published returns, with the adverse balance somewhat over Yen 600 millions. The war has of course brought in its train abnormal conditions in trade and finance and the future must be largely dependent on the outcome of events in China.

"OPEN DOOR" CLOSED

In Manchukuo the expansion of trade figures has continued and there are indications that the opening-up of communications, coupled with several years of normal trade, is increasing the purchasing power of the people. State monopolies and supervision or control of industries and exchange are however making things increasingly difficult for foreign merchants and the "Open Door" is now almost a thing of the past. In the coming year the question of extraterritoriality will have to be faced by the foreign powers with interests in the country.

World trade conditions, and especially conditions in the United States, affect in a varying degree trade in all the countries of the East. Thus fairly optimistic reports from India are qualified by doubts as to the state of world trade throughout the coming year. The rumours

GOVERNMENT'S CLOSE WATCH

spread from America last April that the price of gold was likely to be reduced, had immediate repercussions of an adverse nature on the Philippine Islands and Malaya. The former was also affected by the labour troubles in America and, as in fact happened generally throughout the world, in Malaya the last quarter of 1937 gave a slight set-back to the satisfactory conditions reported prior to that time.

MANILA OPTIMISM

In the Philippines increases in revenue and trade throughout the year reflect the prosperous state of the Islands, but the unexpected statement made by President Quezon last March in regard to putting forward the date of complete independence had an unsteady effect. An early solution of this problem is very desirable. The trade situation is, generally speaking, good, and there is optimism about the future of mining.

Our Bank has faced many difficult periods in the seventy-three years of its existence and has seen many vicissitudes in China. A few months ago our Shanghai Manager, Mr. A. S. Henchman, commented that he found it extremely difficult to see the wood for the trees. He was trying to take a long view and I think you will agree that it is not easy for us at the present moment to see clearly through the dense forest of gloom in which China and Japan stand.

On both sides there are dangerous tendencies and pitfalls. We must move warily, keeping our eyes open, ready to welcome and take advantage of the first ray of light.

It is helpful and cheering to feel that His Majesty's Government are keenly observing political events out here and are prepared to support British interests as and when necessary. Trade can flourish only when confidence and enterprise go hand in hand. If the policy of His Majesty's Government engenders confidence, then the Far Eastern merchant can be trusted to show enterprise. As an instance I should like to draw attention to the initiative and enterprise displayed during these critical months by the two leading shipping firms on the China coast and Yangtze River—Messrs. Jardine Matheson and Co. and Butterfield and Swire—whose staffs, in gallantly keeping their services operating, have set a fine example, worthy of the best traditions of the British mercantile marine.

CHEERLESS OUTLOOK

At the present moment the outlook is cheerless and it is easy to become depressed at the prospect of a long series of difficulties in China, but I have tried to show you reasons for not regarding the future with too much pessimism. Foreign trade in the Far East has more than anywhere been built up by enterprise and by a readiness to face with courage obscure and unknown situations. I am confident that the British will lead the way in tackling the new problems and the changed conditions which we are likely to see out here during the next few years. As for the Bank, it can be counted on to do its rightful share.

One last word. I think you will all agree that we owe our appreciation and thanks to the members of the staff who have worked in China throughout the past year. In each China port where we have branches there have been critical moments and difficult occasions which have in every case been faced with courage and ability. I feel you can rest assured that your interests are in good hands.

LIGHTHOUSE IN TROUBLED SEA

Mr. S. T. Williamson, seconding the adoption of the Report and Accounts, said:—

It is with pleasure that I rise to support the Report and Accounts as presented, and feel sure that I am voicing the wishes of Shareholders in expressing our appreciation to those at the helm of this great Financial Institution which stands out as a lighthouse in the troubled sea of Far Eastern commerce to-day.

The Chairman's Speech has been of a most comprehensive nature covering in detail the trend of Eastern Trade and leaves nothing calling for further comment, and I feel certain that it will be eagerly awaited by financial interests all over the World and be foremost in the important Far Eastern reviews of the year.

HEAVY CLOUDS

The result of the year's working must be considered to be highly satisfactory, especially when it is noted that a profit of over fifteen million dollars is shown after paying all charges and making provision for bad and doubtful accounts and contingencies, which certainly is a magnificent showing under existing conditions. Heavy clouds still make their appearance on the financial horizon owing to the unfortunate clash between the two great Powers with whom we are so closely associated in Eastern Trade—there has already been an appalling loss of life and much misery, to say nothing of the huge expenditures and the heavy loss of trade. It is obvious that wars or incidents will undoubtedly have their serious repercussions and complications, and it is to be hoped that those controlling the destiny of these ancient Empires will be able to arrive at an early solution of their differences.

Your remarks, covering the Customs, Salt Administration and Railway Administrations which are so deeply woven into the financial fabric of China, are especially interesting, and it is pleasing to note that assurances have been given regarding these interests which are so international in character. With you we do realise the heavy responsibilities placed on the shoulders of Sir Frederick Maze, and we sincerely hope that he will be able safely to pilot all the international interests involved to a successful issue.

SHIPPING SERVICES

I am particularly pleased to note your reference to those who "go down to the sea in ships"; there are also many others serving on this Coast besides those mentioned by you, and one and all have faced their arduous duties in a manner which certainly upholds the highest traditions of the Mercantile Marine and deserve the greatest appreciation of us all.

I well remember our Chief Manager stating at the opening ceremony of this building over two years ago that the Bank up to that time had found nothing too small or too large to deal with; subsequent events have proved with a vengeance that there was a great deal more than the ordinary Banking facilities necessary to meet the abnormal conditions recently experienced, and we do realise the courageous manner in which Sir Vandeleur Grayburn has dealt with all matters appertaining to the successful carrying on of trade in its varying degrees. We are especially pleased that His Majesty the King bestowed upon him the honour of Knighthood which we feel was so richly deserved—we know that he is proceeding at an early date to England on a well earned holiday after his strenuous labours and our best wishes will go with him.

TRIBUTE TO MR. HENCHMAN

Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen. I now formally propose the adoption of accounts as presented, and in doing so I wish to express our thanks to the Board of Directors, the Chief Manager and his very able staff, and I cannot let this opportunity pass without stating that we fully realise and appreciate all Mr. A. S. Henchman, our Shanghai Manager, and all those serving in



The design of the silver shields being presented to winners in the Photographic Exhibition now being held at Cathedral Hall.

China, have been able to accomplish in the way of safe-guarding our interests in the face of danger of every description.

The adoption of the Report and Statement of Accounts as presented was carried unanimously.

OTHER BUSINESS

Sir H. E. Pollock, K.C., proposed and Mr. Chua seconded that the Hon. Mr. M. T. Johnson, Mr. G. Miskin and Mr. A. L. Shields be re-elected Directors. Carried unanimously.

Mr. P. S. Cassidy proposed and Mr. Kadoorie seconded that Mr. John Fleming and Mr. H. R. Forsyth be re-elected Auditors. Carried unanimously.

The chairman announced that dividend warrants could be ready on Monday.

Those present included:—Mr. G. Miskin (Chairman); The Hon. Mr. M. T. Johnson (Deputy Chairman), Mr. J. K. Bousfield, Mr. A. H. Compton, Hon. Mr. S. H. Dodwell, Mr. J. R. Masson, Mr. K. S. Morrison, Hon. Mr. J. J. Paterson, Mr. T. E. Pearce, Mr. A. L. Shields, (Directors), Sir Vandeleur M. Grayburn, Chief Manager, Messrs. A. S. Adamson, J. M. Alves, H. J. Armstrong, P. S. Cassidy, Chua Seng Choo, Chan Shu Ming, N. V. A. Croucher, R. A. Dastur, J. Fleming, H. R. Forsyth, Fung Kong Un, Fung Manter, H. R. B. Hancock, H. S. Hills, Ho Wing, H. Owen Hughes, J. H. Jessen, L. Kadoorie, F. H. Kew, L. M. S. Lloyd, Lo Kai Wing, A. N. Macfadyen, Lieut. Col. E. D. Matthews, Messrs. M. J. B. Montargis, A. Morris, A. Morse, Sir H. E. Pollock, K.C., Messrs. S. H. Ross, F. W. Stapleton, D. V. Stevenson, J. A. Tarrant, G. G. N. Tinson, A. H. Vaswani, Wong Ping Sun.

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DONALD BLACK'S FIRST WIN OF ANNUAL MEETING

In perfect weather a fairly large crowd attended at Happy Valley this afternoon for the fifth day of the Annual Race Meeting — Children's Day.

An impressive touch was added by the band of the Royal Scots, who paraded the track for the benefit of the children.

Considerable surprise was caused by the non-starting in the Subscription Griffins' Champions of Mr. Eu Tong-sen's Smiling Thru, generally conceded to have the second best chance of winning.

2.00 P.M.—THE NIL DESPERANDUM STAKES.—(First Section).—One Mile.

Wong Sui Ngau's Salvage Mas-

ter 158 lb. (D. Black) 1
Lucky's Lucky Even 158 lb. (C. Encarnacao) 2
H. and H's Fei Ying 158 lb. (F. Marshall) 3

Also ran:—Arabian Cat, 155 lb., (H. C. Pih); Astrik, 161 lb., (B. L. Tao); Be Yourself, 152 lb., (S. L. Yuen); Captain Blood, 158 lb., (B. A. Proulx); Cleeve, 155 lb., (Ip Kui-ying); Dark Hazard, 152 lb., (Y. T. Fung); Dekko, 161 lb., (H. Maitland); Easy Time, 155 lb., (J. Pote-Hunt); Full Mark, 158 lb., (W. G. Poy); Golden Brew, 153 lb., (T. W. Chattey); Lancashire Chap, 155 lb., (S. C. Liang); Sahara Star, 150 lb., (K. I. In); and Sea Dragon, 150 lb., (C. L. Gregory).

16 starters.
Won by 1½ lengths; 2 lengths.
Time: 2.06.
Pari-mutuel, winner \$9.60; places, 1st \$5.90; 2nd \$7.90; 3rd \$9.40.

2.30 P.M.—THE NIL DESPERANDUM STAKES.—(Second Section).—One Mile.

Tester and Abraham's The Leopard 158 lb. (C. Encarnacao) 1

Black and White's Golden Cow 155 lb. (Y. T. Fung) 2

F. C. Hall's Planchet 158 lb. (V. V. Needs) 3

Also ran:—Acme, 153 lb., (K. I. Ip); African Cat, 155 lb., (Y. K. Wouh); Bestevaer, 155 lb., (L. B. Chao); Cape Comorin, 152 lb., (B. A. Proulx); Charybdis, 158 lb., (J. Pote-Hunt); Five Rulers, 151 lb., (S. C. Liang); Jack High, 153 lb., (C. L. Gregory); Labour Day, 155 lb., (K. A. Shu); Lucky Seven, 155 lb., (W. G. Poy); National Dignity, 149 lb., (H. C. Pih); On Your Toe, 155 lb., (S. W. Tang); Rexiana, 153 lb., (A. W. Raymond); Split Hand, 158 lb., (Ip Kui-ying); Stymie, 152 lb., (W. H. S. Davis); The Scholar, 155 lb., (C. E. W. Scott); Tribute, 153 lb., (S. L. Yuen); and Urber, 150 lb., (T. W. Chattey).

20 starters.
Won by 1 neck; 2 lengths.
Time: 2.06.2/5.
Pari-mutuel, winner \$27.90; places, 1st \$8.40; 2nd \$6.40; 3rd \$8.80.

3.00 P.M.—THE GRIFFINS SPRING HANDICAP.—One Mile.

Eve's Half-Moon Eve 158 lb. (F. Marshall) 1

Eve's Humdrum Eve 158 lb. (W. H. S. Davis) 2

Lancashire's Lancashire Lass 161

lb. (S. C. Liang) 3
Also ran:—Handicap Eve, 154 lb., (K. S. Shu); National Defence, 151 lb., (H. C. Pih); and Rose Jane, 147 lb., (W. G. Poy).
6 starters.
Won by ¾ length; 4 lengths.
Time: 1.59.3/5.
Pari-mutuel, winner \$8.90; places, 1st \$5.30; 2nd \$6.10; 3rd \$5.60.

3.30 P.M.—THE FLEMINGTON PLATE.—From the 1½ Mile Post (About Half Mile 170 Yards).

Dr. S. N. Chau's Derby Day 155 lb. (S. W. Tang) 1

Johnson and Alabaster's Ranger 152 lb. (D. Black) 2

L. Dunbar's Discovery Bay 152 lb. (H. Maitland) 3

Also ran:—A Great Time, 152 lb., (J. Pote-Hunt); Alber, 148 lb., (T. W. Chattey); Boris, 152 lb., (L. P. Ralph); Liangollen, 152 lb., (B. A. Proulx); Rooify, 152 lb., (W. G. Poy); Sea Urchin, 147 lb., (C. L. Gregory); Streamline, 152 lb., (A. W. Raymond); Violet Queen, 152 lb., (W. H. S. Davis); and Zodiac, 155 lb., (S. C. Liang).

12 starters.
Won by 2¼ lengths; 2½ lengths.
Time: 1.00.2/5.
Pari-mutuel, winner \$9.10; places, 1st \$5.70; 2nd \$6.20; 3rd \$9.30.

5.—SUBSCRIPTION GRIFFINS' CHAMPIONS

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Piet Hein 3

JAPANESE AIR LINES IN CHINA

Shanghai, To-day.
With three Japanese controlled aviation companies pooling their resources, regular passenger services between various cities in Central and North China which are under Japanese military occupation, will soon be established, according to the "Shanghai Nippo."

The companies concerned are the Japan Air Transport Company, the Hui Ting Aviation Company and the Manchuria Air Transport Company.

The newspaper also discloses that a daily service is being inaugurated between Shanghai and Tokyo.—Reuter.

H.K. ART CLUB EXHIBITION

Visitors to the forthcoming art exhibition of the Hong Kong Art Club, which will take place at the European Y.W.C.A. will have the opportunity of seeing the work of Mr. Ng Koo-hung, a well-known local young artist, for the first time in many years. Mr. Ng who is seldom joining group exhibitions has had wide practical experience. It is understood that he will open an one-man exhibition soon and his pictures will chiefly concern the results of the Sino-Japanese hostilities after the fall of Shanghai and Nanjing.

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Unplaced runners (\$50 each), Nos.: 3751, 3559, 2583, 2428, 1601, 1426, 3703, 2436, 3023, 1379, 720, 4286, 3155.

Race 2
No. 4156 \$2065.00
" 870 590.00
" 4311 295.00
Unplaced runners (\$50 each), Nos.: 2749, 4781, 2971, 1472, 4589, 3720, 2387, 3251, 4303, 4634, 3005, 2557, 517, 3438, 2829, 2561, 2858.

Race 3
No. 5497 \$3060.40
" 4620 374.40
" 5590 437.20
Unplaced runners (\$50 each), Nos.: 5727, 5879, 2830.

Race 4
No. 1554 \$2983.00
" 6080 852.00
" 5128 426.00
Unplaced runners (\$50 each), Nos.: 4969, 5359, 2734, 492, 5187, 4487, 4482, 5019, 6149.

Race 5
No. 3983 \$3424.40
" 3663 978.40
" 6541 489.20
Unplaced runners (\$50 each), Nos.: 4743, 4728, 4108, 4600.

JAPANESE MINISTER IN CAR CRASH

Tokyo, To-day.
The Finance Minister, Mr. Okinobu Kaya, was slightly injured in a motor-car accident last night, when his machine struck another automobile.

The Minister received cuts on the head which will require a fortnight's medical attention, but will not prevent him submitting the extraordinary military budget to the Diet on Monday.—Reuter.

MANCHUKUO AND SOVIET

Illegal acts committed by the Soviet authorities and troops against Manchukuo territory and nationals in 1937, totalled 170, according to a Manchukuo spokesman.

On thirty-four occasions Soviet guards entered Manchukuo, while there were 16 cases of flights by Soviet planes over the border, sometimes disguised as mail planes. The spokesman also charged that the Soviets had embarked on a campaign of espionage and agitation, aiming at internal unrest in Manchukuo.—Reuter.

GEN. PERSHING SINKING

Tucson (Arizona), To-day.
General Pershing, commander of the United States Expeditionary Force in the Great War, is sinking rapidly, state the hospital authorities, who have placed the patient in an oxygen tent.—Reuter.

VIBRO PILING COMPANY OUTLOOK

"In a business such as ours, it is difficult to forecast the future with the decree of accuracy, but I feel that I can, without undue optimism, say that the present year has started under favourable conditions, and if we should be successful in obtaining a fair share of the piling contracts likely to be placed, we should be able to produce a very fair showing next year," remarked Mr. S. M. Churn, Chairman of the Board of Directors of the Vibro Piling Company, Limited, at the meeting of the shareholders held in the Jacobean Room, Hong Kong Hotel, this morning.

The Chairman said:—"In directing your attention to the Profit and Loss Account, which shows a profit of \$24,129.28, I would observe that no charge has been made in respect of depreciation, the reason being that your Directors are of the opinion that the amount of \$26,514.17 written off Plant during the year as the result of the appropriation from Profit and Loss Account which you approved at the last Annual Meeting, is about six times as much as would have been required for depreciation this year."

During the year the technical department of the Company was transferred to Messrs. Marsman, Hong Kong China Ltd., and arising out of this, Mr. Gifford Hull was invited to a seat on the Board, and our former manager, Mr. Blackmore, is now associated with Mr. Hull's Company. It is the hope of your Board that this arrangement will be fruitful of even better results for your Company than its past record shows, especially so as Messrs. Marsman have undertaken to work the Manila field on behalf of the Company.

The dividend and bonus will be payable on Monday upon application at the company's offices.

Those present included Mr. S. M. Churn, Hon. Dr. R. H. Kotewall, Mr. J. J. Basto, and Mr. G. B. Gifford Hull (Directors), F. E. D'Almada Remedios, E. W. Blackmore, Lam Shu-chuen, Morris Weill, C. H. Basto and Leo Weill.

The Hon. Dr. R. H. Kotewall was re-elected to the Board of Directors, and the appointment of Mr. G. B. Gifford Hull was confirmed.

Messrs. Lowe, Bingham and Matthews were reappointed auditors.

AIR TRAINING IN VLADIVOSTOCK

Hisinking, To-day.
The newspapers in Hisinking assert that many Chinese student pilots at present are undergoing instruction at Vladivostock.—Reuter.

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and won fairly easily. Annabella (Mr. Proulx) and Murray River (Mr. Maitland) finished practically together, but the judge's verdict went to the former by a slight margin. Once again, the Kong Bros. stable has provided the winner of the Rooty-Hill Derby. But for the fact that it won the second section of the Sydney Maiden Stakes last Saturday, after being left lengths behind, Tornado Star would not have been so heavily backed. Full credit must, however, be extended to Mr. Marshall, who rode with splendid judgment.

The last race, the Gymkhana Stakes, provided a thrilling finish. Ridden by Mr. K. S. Shu, and weighing only 144 lbs. Honeymoon Eve was only backed to the extent of 163 tickets, and its win paid the plucky ticket holders \$129.70, which is the best dividend of the Meeting to date. The finish was fought out between Honeymoon Eve, Havoc Eve (Mr. Maitland) and Rob Roy (Mr. Encarnacao), and there was only a neck separating them at the finish. It was truly a grand finish.

THE LADIES' PURSE

This race produced a thrilling finish. Havoc Eve (Mr. Marshall), after running so well on the previous day, could not even place. The finish was fought out between Potentate (Mr. Encarnacao) and Soldier of Honour (Mr. Pote-Hunt), with the former getting the verdict by only a short head.

Just before the tiffin adjournment, Mr. Encarnacao, the successful jockey, was presented with the Ladies' Purse by Miss Smith, daughter of the Hon. Mr. N. L. Smith, in the presence of His Excellency the Governor and a distinguished gathering of racing officials. After receiving the purse, Mr. Encarnacao called for three cheers for the Ladies, after which he escorted Miss Smith to Tiffin.

THE CHAMPION STAKES

Acknowledged as the undefeated champion among China ponies until Wednesday, Liberty Bay's colours were sensationally lowered, and it was done by Silkylight, winner of the Hong Kong Derby. It was indeed a remarkable performance, as the race was exceedingly fast, and it was truly wonderful to see Silkylight gradually overhaul and pass Liberty Bay. Starting the race in its usual manner, Liberty Bay (Mr. Maitland) took a lead of several lengths, leaving Silkylight (Mr. R. B. Moller) and King's Warden (Mr. Needa) trailing behind. King's Warden tried to secure the rails, which it succeeded in doing for a little while, but Silkylight asserted itself on reaching the football stands. Slowly but surely Silkylight deserted King's



Mr. Eu Tong-sen's Potentate (Mr. Encarnacao up) being led in after winning the Ladies' Purse. ("Mail" photo).

Warden, and on reaching the straight Mr. Moller made a determined attempt to overhaul Liberty Bay. Spectators were kept in terrific suspense, as step by step Silkylight gained on the champion. Sensing the danger, Mr. Maitland applied the whip—the first time, I believe, that Liberty Bay has ever had force used on it since it started racing on the local track. With another few lengths to go, a tremendous roar went up to announce the sensational first defeat of the Champion of Champions.

On being led in, again by his sister and father, Mr. Moller received an ovation, the hearty nature of which has never been exceeded in my experience. He was paid a well-deserved tribute for his great riding, and Silkylight was hailed as a worthy Champion.

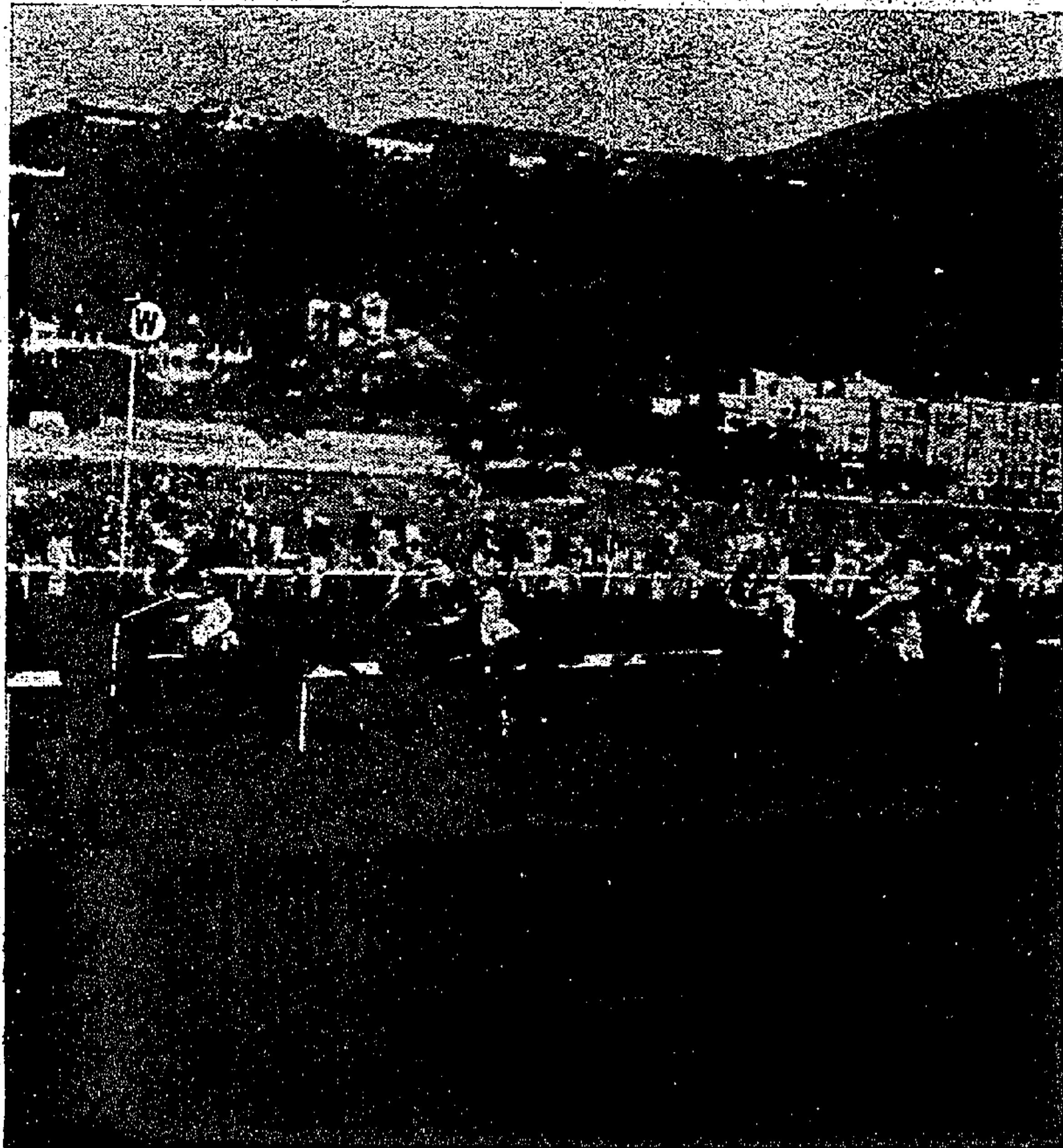
I don't think there were many who thought for one moment that Liberty Bay was going to suffer defeat for the first time in its racing career, but it had to bow to a pony which proved itself a superior pony on the day's performance.

THE SPORTS CLUB CUP AND HONG KONG STAKES

In this race for subscription griffins, both Louis XIV and Smiling Thru had to carry 7 lbs. and 5 lbs. extra weight. The start of this long distance event saw Planchet (Mr. Needa) facing the wrong way as a result of which it was left many lengths behind. The race itself was somewhat slow, with Louis XIV always in a prominent position. On coming into the straight Salvage Master (Mr. Black) took the lead, but it was short-lived, as Louis XIV came through and won easily, with Smiling Thru (Mr. Encarnacao) second and Salvage Master third. Louis XIV is owned by Mr. S. W. Tang, who has ridden it in all its outings, and it has followed precisely in the footsteps of Gordito, last year's champion sub. There is no doubt whatever that Louis XIV is the best among this year's subscription griffins, and it should win the Subs. Champions event to-day.

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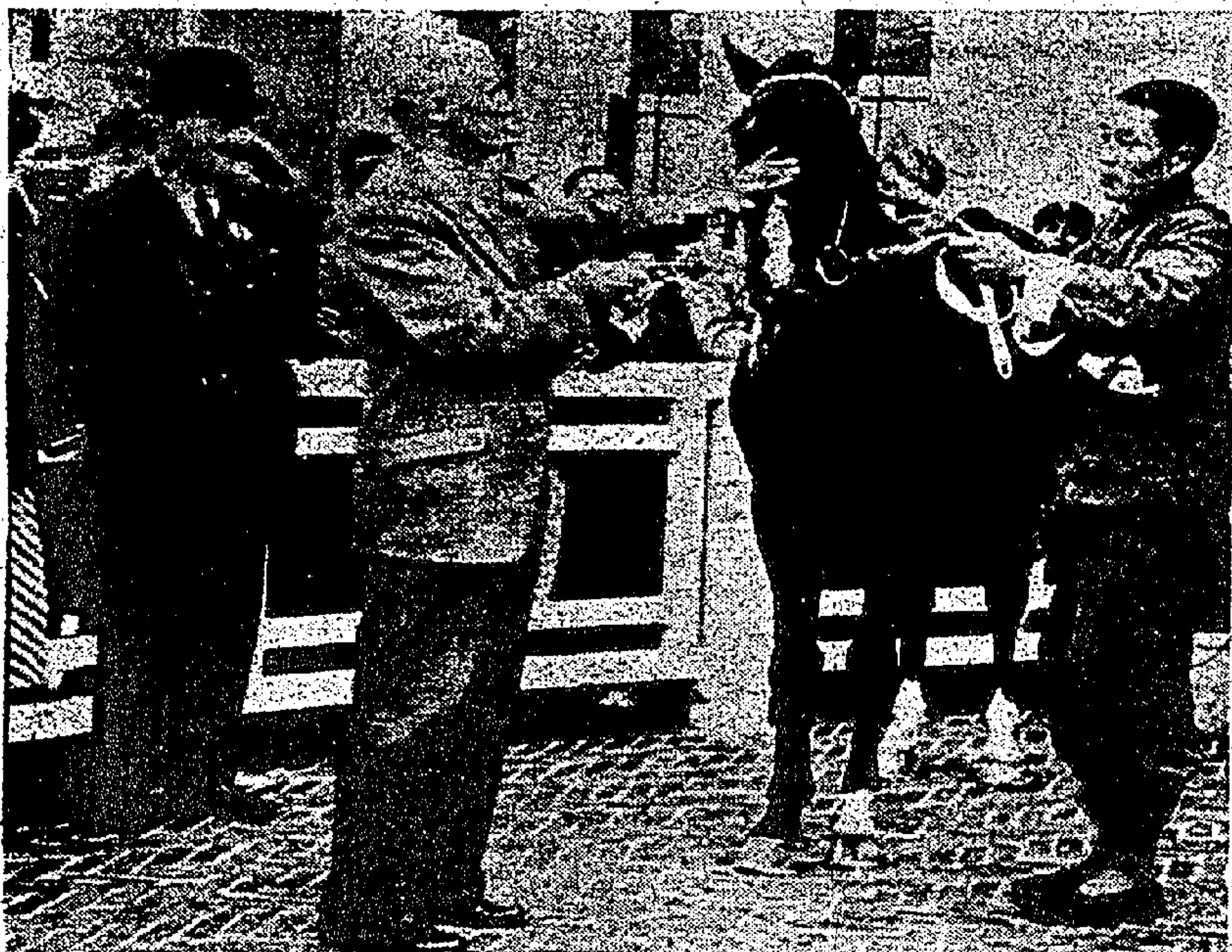
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Mr. R. B. Moller Sr. and his pony Silky Light, which, ridden by his son, caused a sensation when it beat the previously undefeated Liberty Bay by a length to win the Champions after having won the Derby. ("Mail" photo).

Time Records To Date

CHINA PONIES

- Half A Mile**
1.00.3—Meteor (Pote-Hunt, 161); 2, Final Triumph (Needa, 155); 3, Lucky Eleven (Shu, 158). 2 and 2.
1.00.3—National Force (Pih, 161); 2, Astrik (Tao, 161); Ali Baba (Proulx, 152) and National Dignity (Wouh, 149). Short head and short head.
- Half Mile & 170 Yards**
1.07.0—Bear Claw (Maitland, 161); 2, Gladiator (Marshall, 158); 3, Oak Bay (Davis, 161). 2 and short head.
1.08.3—Cameronian (Encarnacao, 161); 2, Humdrum Eve (Marshall, 158); 3, Just In Time (Pote-Hunt, 161). 4 and 1½.
1.12.4—Piet Hein (Chao, 155); 2, Dekko (Maitland, 161); 3, Meteor (Poy, 166). 1 and ½.
- 6 Furlongs**
1.27.1—Silky Light (Moller, 161); 2, Cameronian (Encarnacao, 161); 3, Lancashire Lass (Noodt, 161). 2 and 1.
1.28.2—National Pride (Pih, 161); 2, Humdrum Eve (Marshall, 158); 3, Lancashire Lass (Noodt, 161). 1 and 1.
1.31.0—Desert Star (Moller, 156); 2, Smiling Thru (Encarnacao, 161); 3, Louis XIV (Tang, 161). 2 and ½.
1.32.2—Borrachito (Noodt, 152); 2, Golden Cow (Liang, 155); 3, Five Rulers (Tang, 149). 1 and 1½.
- 7 Furlongs 49 Yards**
1.46.2—Potentate (Encarnacao, 158); 2, Soldier of Honour (Pote-Hunt, 161); 3, Boolat Bay (Maitland, 161). Short head and 2.
- 1 Mile**
1.58.2—Trentbridge (Needa, 161); 2, Gladiator (Marshall, 158); 3, Cosack's Beauty (Wouh, 161). ¾ and ¾.
1.58.3—Bear Claw (Maitland, 161); 2, Oak Bay (Davis, 161); 3, Gladiator (Marshall, 158). 4 and 1.
1.58.3—Honeymoon Eve (Shu, 144); 2, Havoc Eve (Marshall, 149); 3, Rob Roy (Encarnacao, 155). Head and head.
1.59.2—Desert Chief (Encarnacao, 161); 2, Jober (Tao, 158); 3, Lancashire Lass (Noodt, 161). Many and 1.
2.01.4—Jober (Tao, 158); 2, Half-Moon Eve (Marshall, 158); 3, Lancashire Boy (Noodt, 158). ½ and 4.
2.02.0—Cameronian (Encarnacao, 168); 2, Moonlight View (Needa, 168); 3, Handicap Eve (Marshall, 161). 1 and many.
2.01.0—King's Lead (Needa, 155); 2, Boolat Bay (Maitland, 162); 3, Commencement Bay (Tang, 140). Short head and 1.
2.04.1—Expression Time (Pote-Hunt, 161); 2, Lancashire Lass (Noodt, 161); 3, Handicap Eve (Marshall, 161). 1 and 3.
2.04.4—Smiling Thru (Encarnacao, 161); 2, Golden Cow (Liang, 155); 3, Salvage Master (Black, 158). ½ and 3.
2.05.0—Rob Roy (Yuen, 160); 2, Amberley (Gregory, 160); Scenic View (K. I. Ip, 154). 1 and 2.
2.05.3—Whalsey (Proulx, 159); 2, Coronation Day (Tang, 155); 3, Mac's Adventure (Noodt, 150). 1½ and 2.
2.07.1—Bistre (Pih, 158); 2, Rose Evelyn (Encarnacao, 163); 3, Gold Sovereign (Tao, 164). 1 and 1½.
2.07.3—Final Triumph (Encarnacao, 155); 2, Borrachito (Noodt, 152); 3, Cuban Love (Tao, 156). ¾ and 1½.
- 1 Mile 171 Yards**
2.09.3—Liberty Bay (Maitland, 161); 2, Soldier of Honour (Pote-Hunt, 161); Trentbridge (Needa, 161). Many and 1.
2.18.2—Rose Evelyn (Encarnacao, 163); 2, Coronation Day (Tang, 160); 3, Gold Sovereign (Tao, 164). 4 and 5.
2.19.1—Louis XIV (Tang, 161); 2, Golden Cow (Liang, 155); 3, Smiling Thru (Encarnacao, 161). 1½ and neck.
1½ Miles
2.24.3—Silky Light (Moller, 161); 2, Liberty Bay (Maitland, 161); 3, King's Warden (Needa, 161). 1 and 6.
2.30.4—King's Warden (Needa, 163); 2, Wild Life (Maitland, 153); 3, Soldier of Honour (Pote-Hunt, 158). 2½ and 4.
2.31.2—Red Feather (Maitland, 155); 2, Rob Roy (Encarnacao, 152); 3, Expansion Time (Pote-Hunt, 152). Head and 2.
2.33.4—Moonlight View (Needa, 161); 2, National Pride (Pih, 161); 3, Half-Moon Eve (Marshall, 158). 3 and 2.
2.34.0—Moonlight View (Needa, 161) and Confusion Bay (Maitland, 161); 3, Jober (Tao, 158). Dead heat and 4.
2.49.0—Louis XIV (Tang, 161); 2, Desert Star (Needa, 155); 3, Piet Hein (Chao, 155). ¾ and 2.
1½ Miles
3.01.3—Silky Light (Moller, 161); 2, Desert Chief (Encarnacao, 161); 3, Confusion Bay (Maitland, 161). 3 and 2.
3.02.0—King's Warden (Needa, 161); 2, Wild Life (Maitland, 161). 1½.
3.14.2—Louis XIV (Tang, 168); 2, Smiling Thru (Encarnacao, 166); 3, Salvage Master (Black, 158). 5 and 3.
1¾ Miles
3.36.1—King's Warden (Needa, 161); 2, Wild Life (Maitland, 161). Many.
- AUSTRALIAN PONIES**
½ Mile and 170 Yards
1.05.2—A Better Time (Pote-Hunt, 152); 2, Macquarie River (Maitland, 152); 3, The Buffer (Needa, 152). Neck and 1.
6 Furlongs
1.18.0—Double Finesse (Pih, 155); 2, Lancashire Chips (Raymond, 155); 3, Blandford (Tao, 157). 2 and 2.
1.20.3—Criffel (Pote-Hunt, 152); 2, Macquarie River (Maitland, 152); Little Audrey (Pih, 155). 2 & 3.
1.21.2—Tornado Star (Marshall, 152); 2, Annabella (Proulx, 155); 3, Lucky Lad (Poy, 152). Head, neck.
One Mile
1.46.2—Katinka (Ralph, 149); 2, Vixen Tor (Proulx, 146); 3, Bag Tor (Gregory, 139). 3 & head.
1.51.2—Little Audrey (Pih, 155); 2, Murray River (Maitland, 155); 3, King's Privilege (Needa, 152). 4 and 3.
1.53.1—Annabella (Proulx, 155); 2, Macquarie River (Maitland, 152); 3, A Lovely Time (Pote-Hunt). 4 and 4.
1 Mile 171 Yards
1.57.4—Gypsy Love (Tao, 155); 2, Lancashire Chips (Proulx, 152); 3, Home Brew (Ralph, 152). Neck and 1½.
1¾ Miles
2.16.1—Electron (Needa, 154); 2, Strathroy (Black, 154); 3, Gypsy Love (Tao, 154). 2 and 1½.
2.22.2—Murray River (Maitland, 155); 2, Colorado Star (Davis, 152); 3, Rex (Raymond, 152). Many and 5.
1½ Miles
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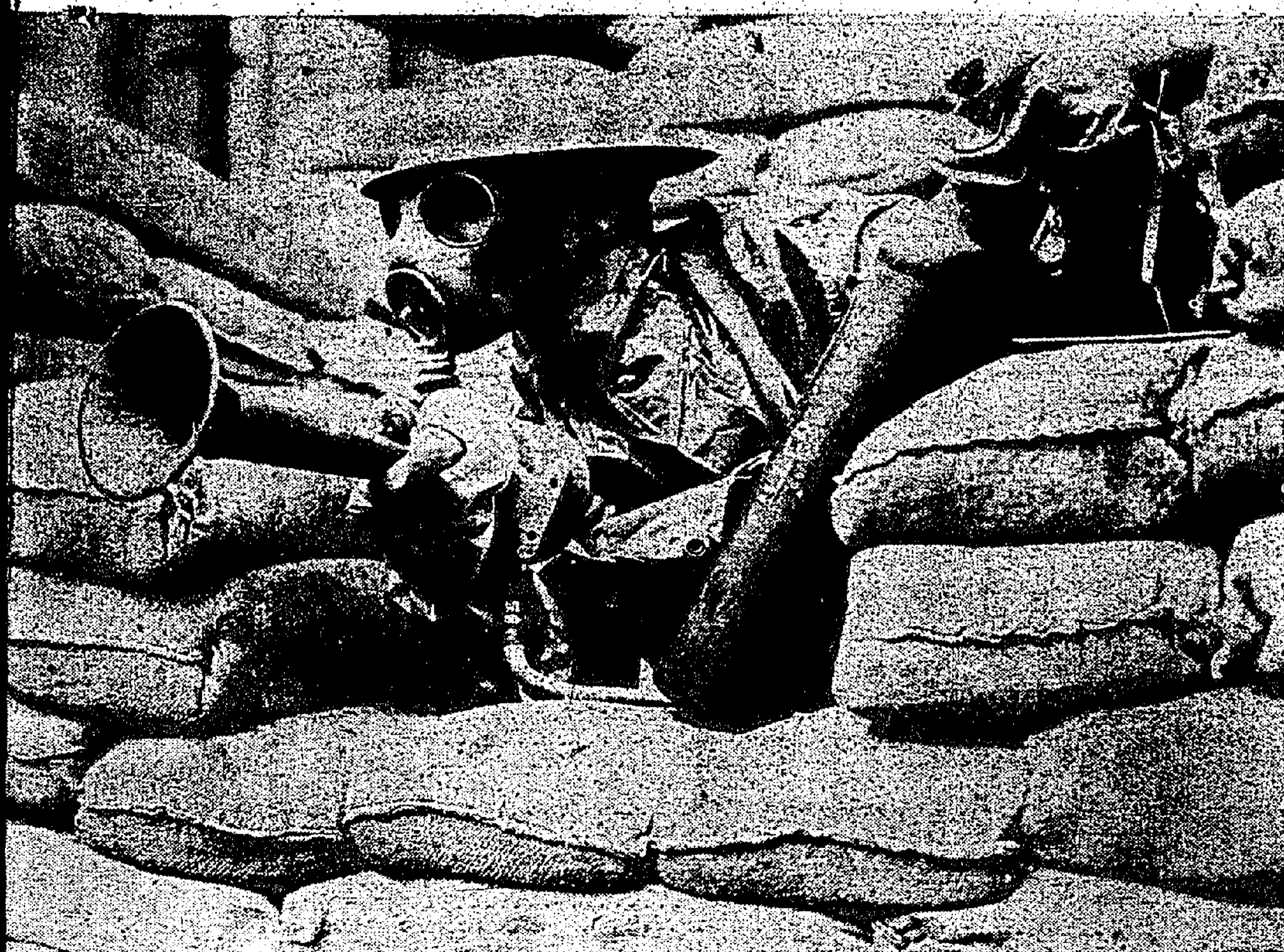
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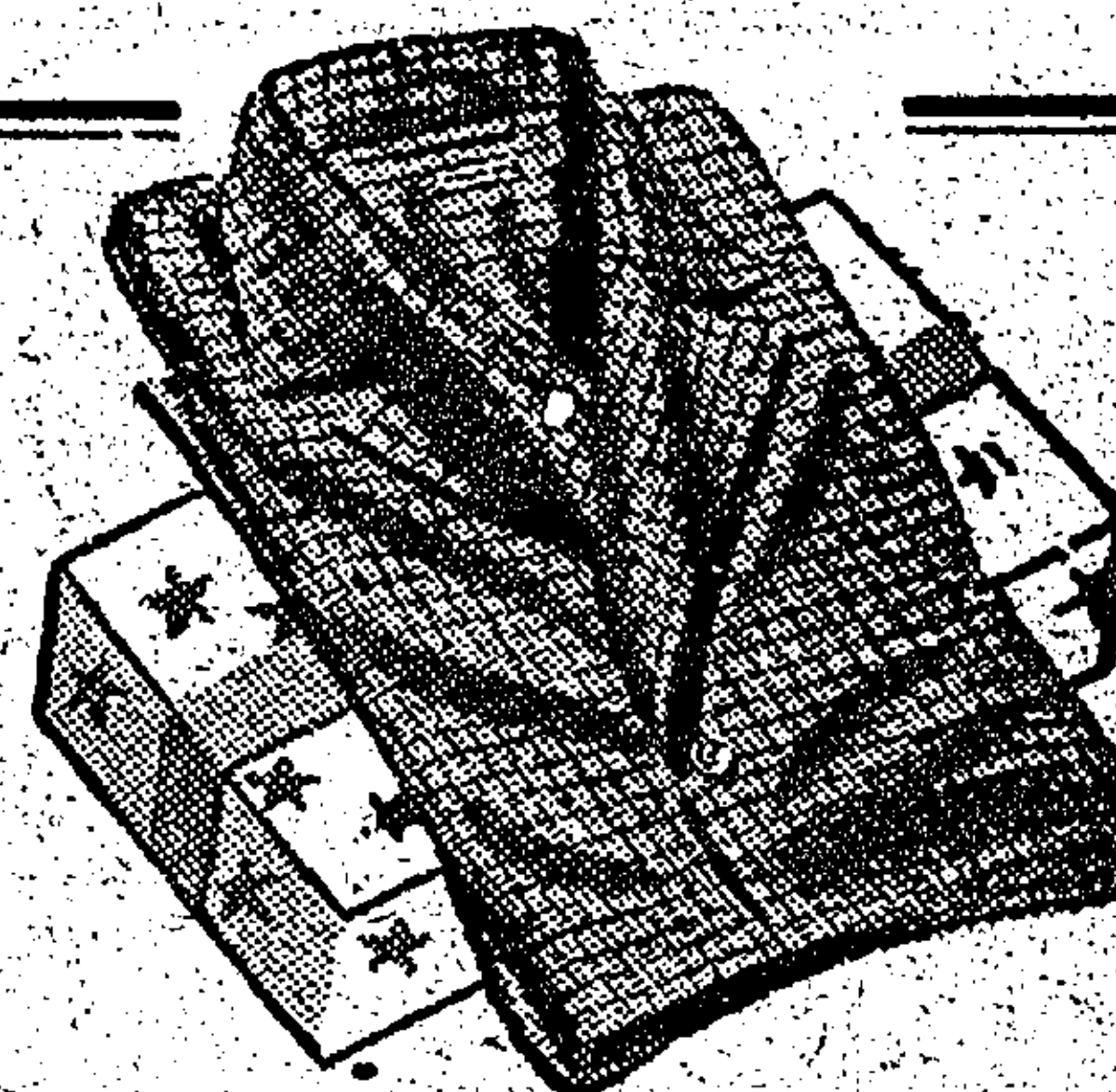
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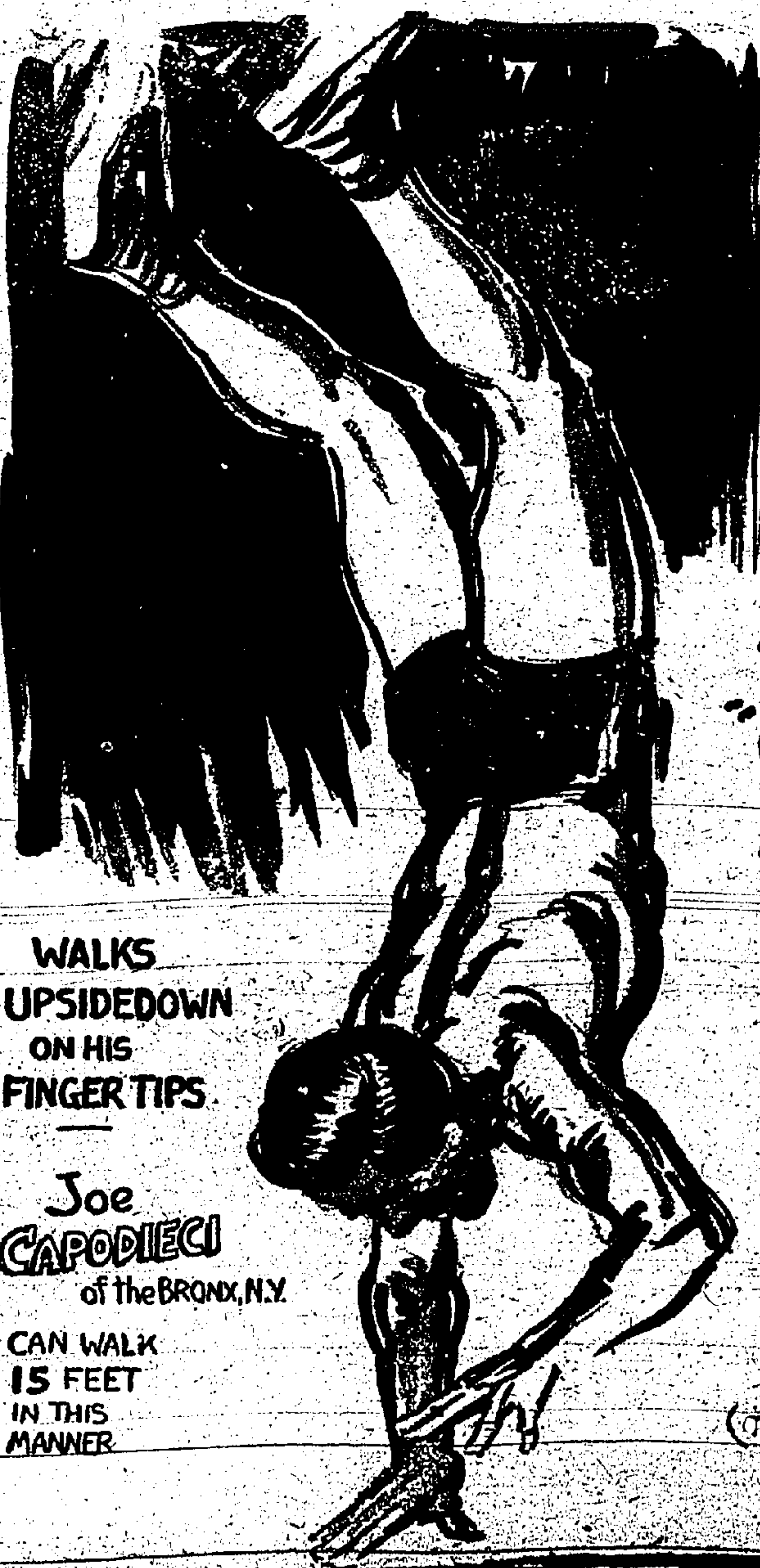
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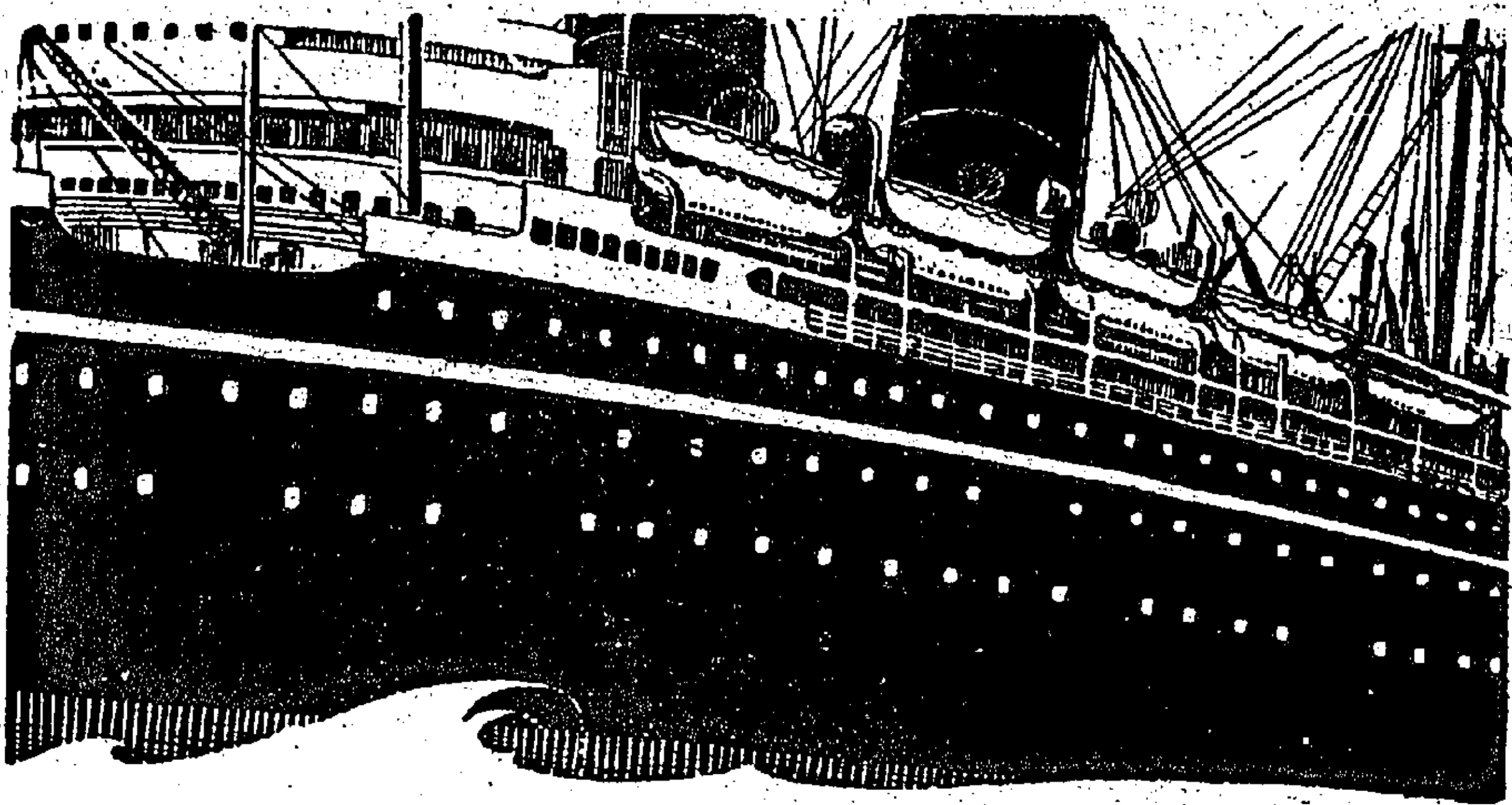
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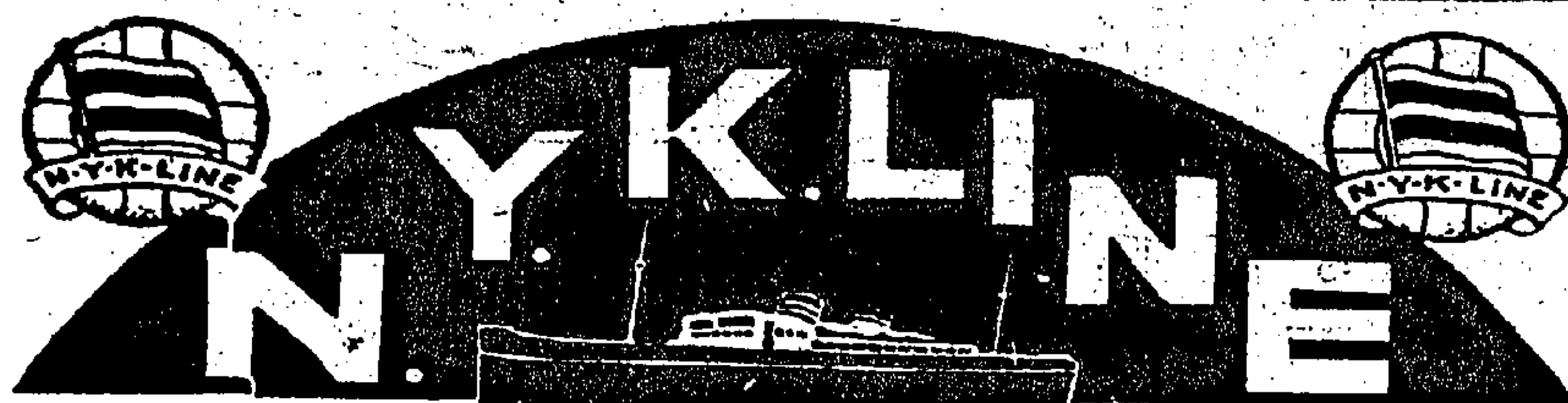
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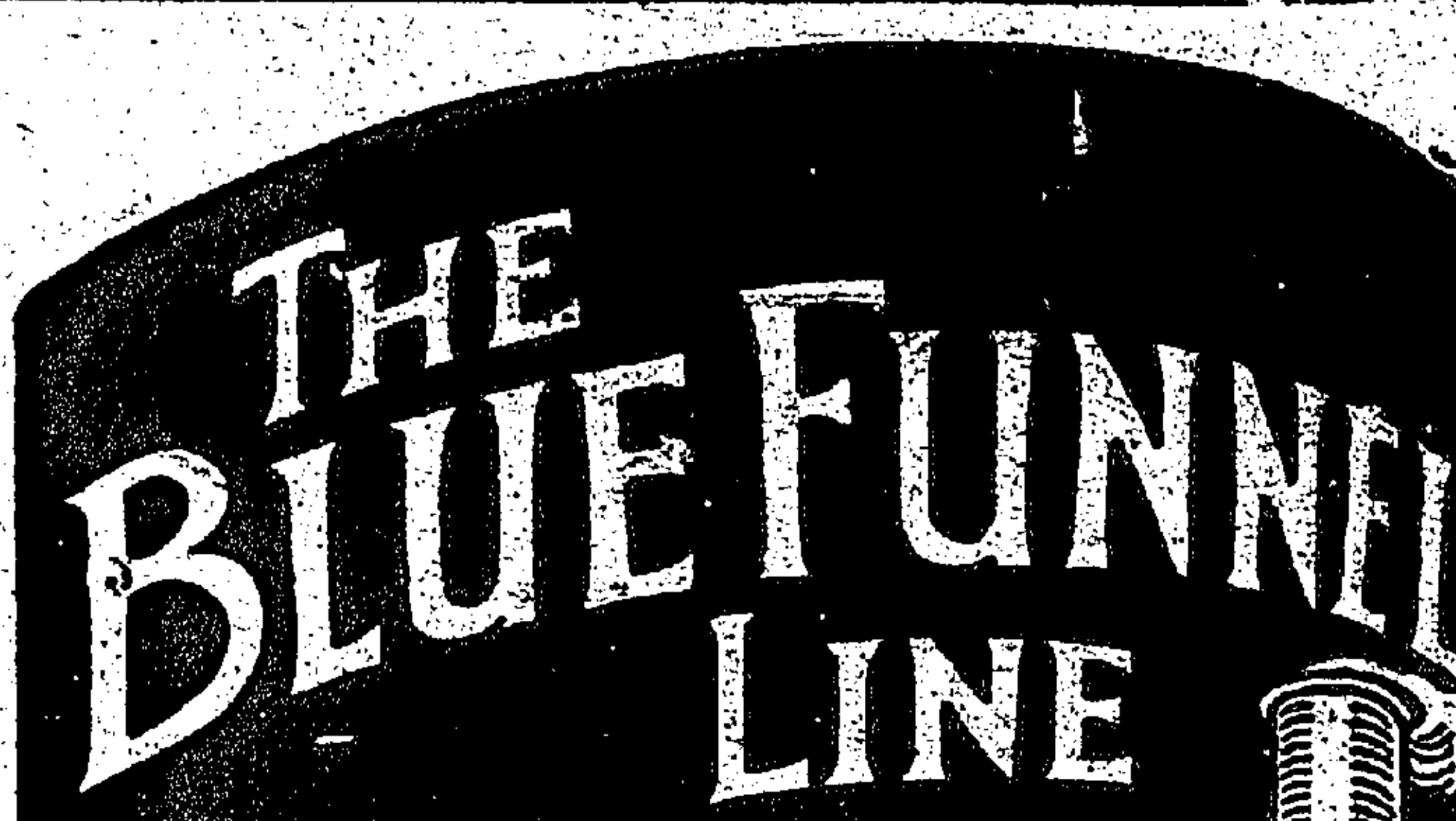
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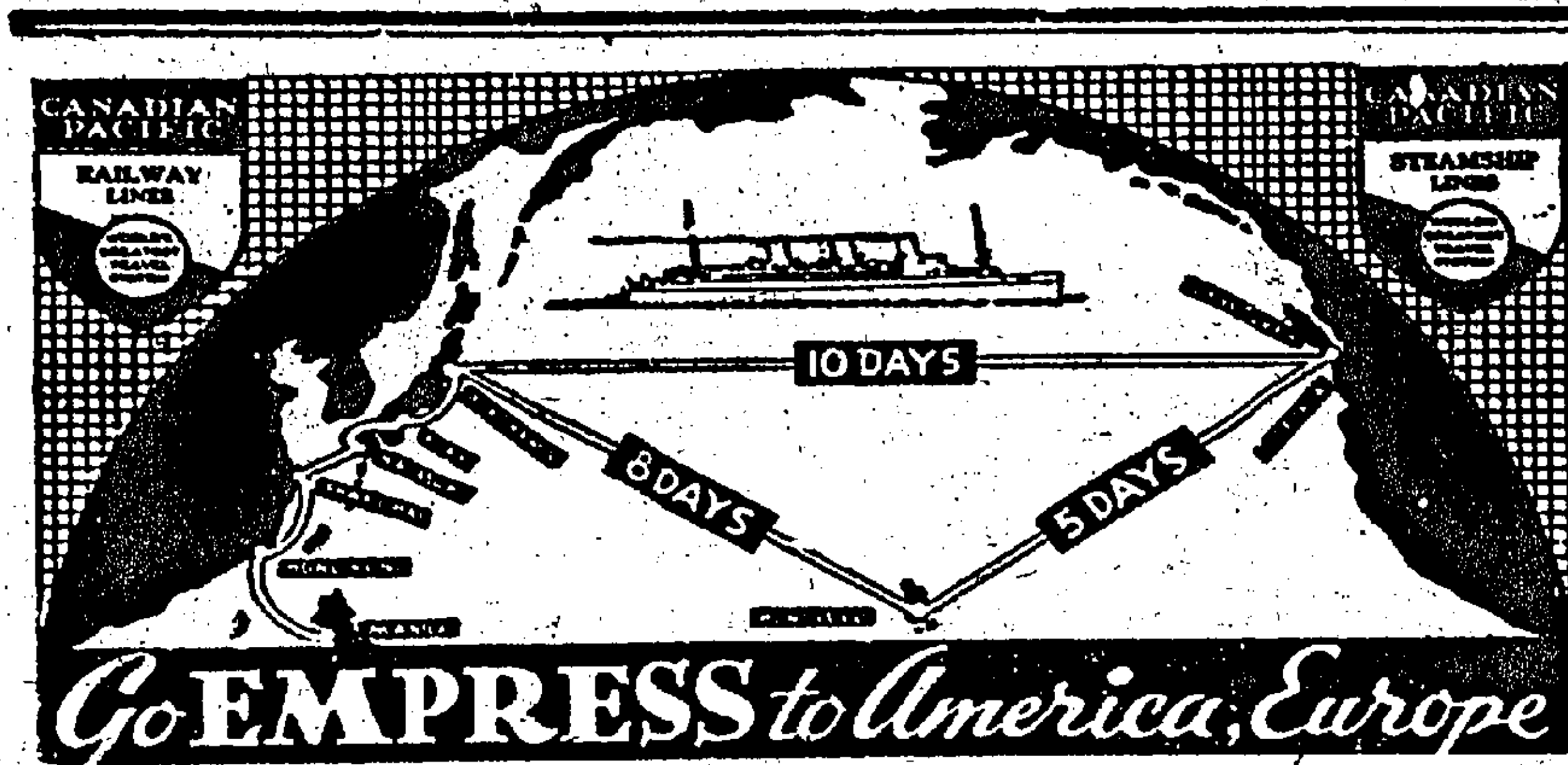
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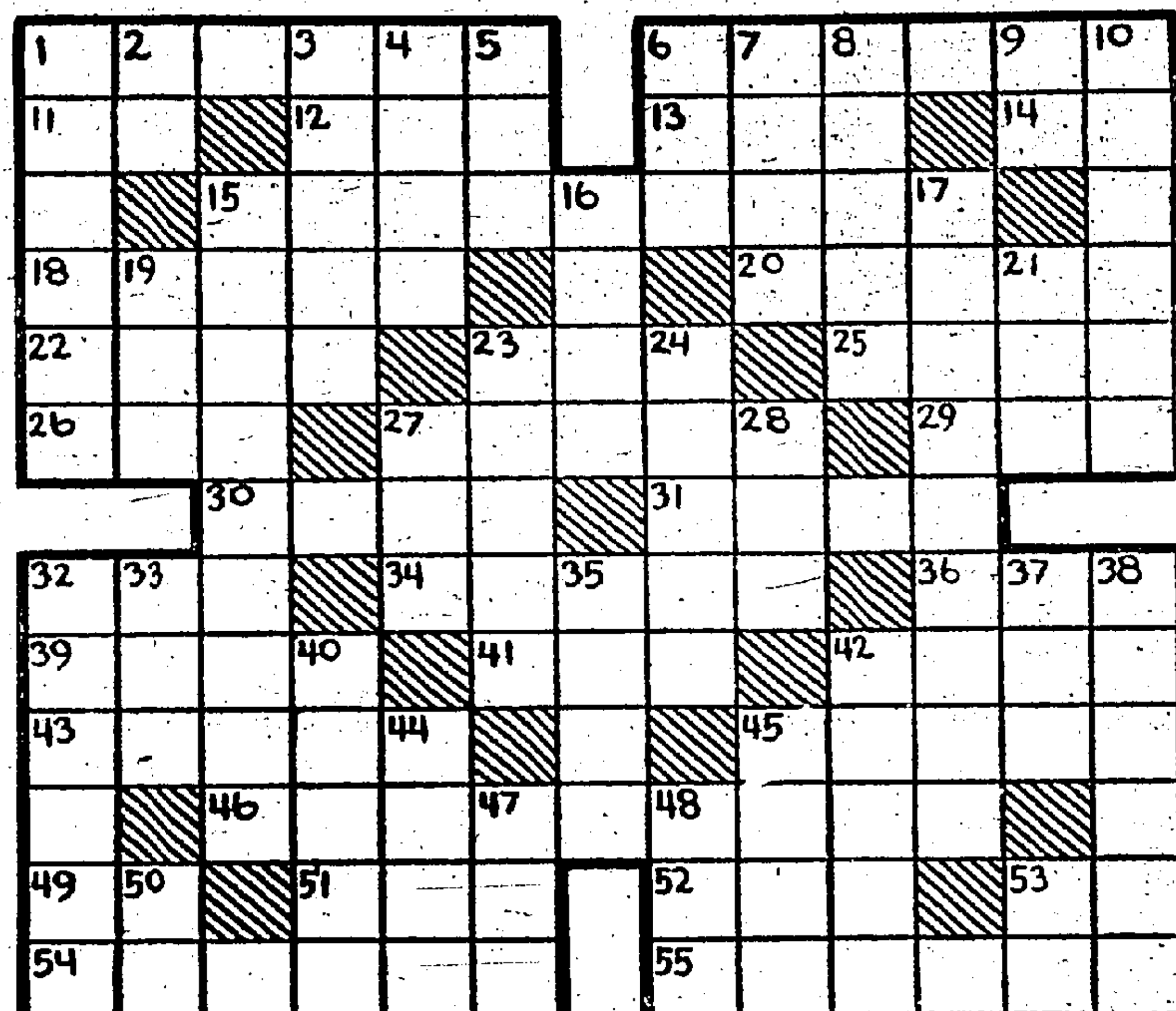
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1—Renowned
6—Examined
11—Upon
12—Prefix. Before
13—A compass point (abbr.)
14—In this manner
15—Traitors
18—A diving-bird (pl.)
20—Tear asunder
22—Worthless leavings
23—Gain
25—Rescue
28—Full of moisture
27—A thoroughfare (pl.)
29—A boy's name
30—Equal
31—To sell
32—To hinder
34—Doctrine
36—Greek letter
39—Military assistant
41—A title
42—A journey
43—Not fresh | HORIZONTAL (Cont.)
45—Wool-bearing animal
46—A foot-soldier
49—Plural suffix
51—Distinguished Service Order (abbr.)
52—Part of the body
53—Indefinite article
54—Drinking spells
55—Gazed inquiringly

VERTICAL
1—Pursue
2—One or any
3—Unfastens
4—Vase with a foot (pl.)
5—Look
6—Beverage
7—Terminates
8—Percolates
9—Plural suffix
10—Spotted | VERTICAL (Cont.)
15—Seaport of the Netherlands
16—Win
17—Defamer
19—Crude metal
21—I have (contr.)
23—Diminishes
24—Not at any time
27—Permit
28—Appoint
32—Sews loosely
33—Small inland island
35—Egyptian river
37—Bird
38—To attach
40—Dodge
42—Subject of discourse
44—Feminine suffix (Fr.)
45—Wither
47—Hebrew measure of capacity
48—Strike gently
50—Country of Europe (abbr.)
53—Diphthong |
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MIXED DOUBLES BADMINTON

Recreio Secure The Double

Playing at home, at King's Park last night, Club de Recreio "B" defeated Taikoo Recreation Club by 6 games to 3 in the Mixed Doubles of the Badminton League.

Scores were as follows:

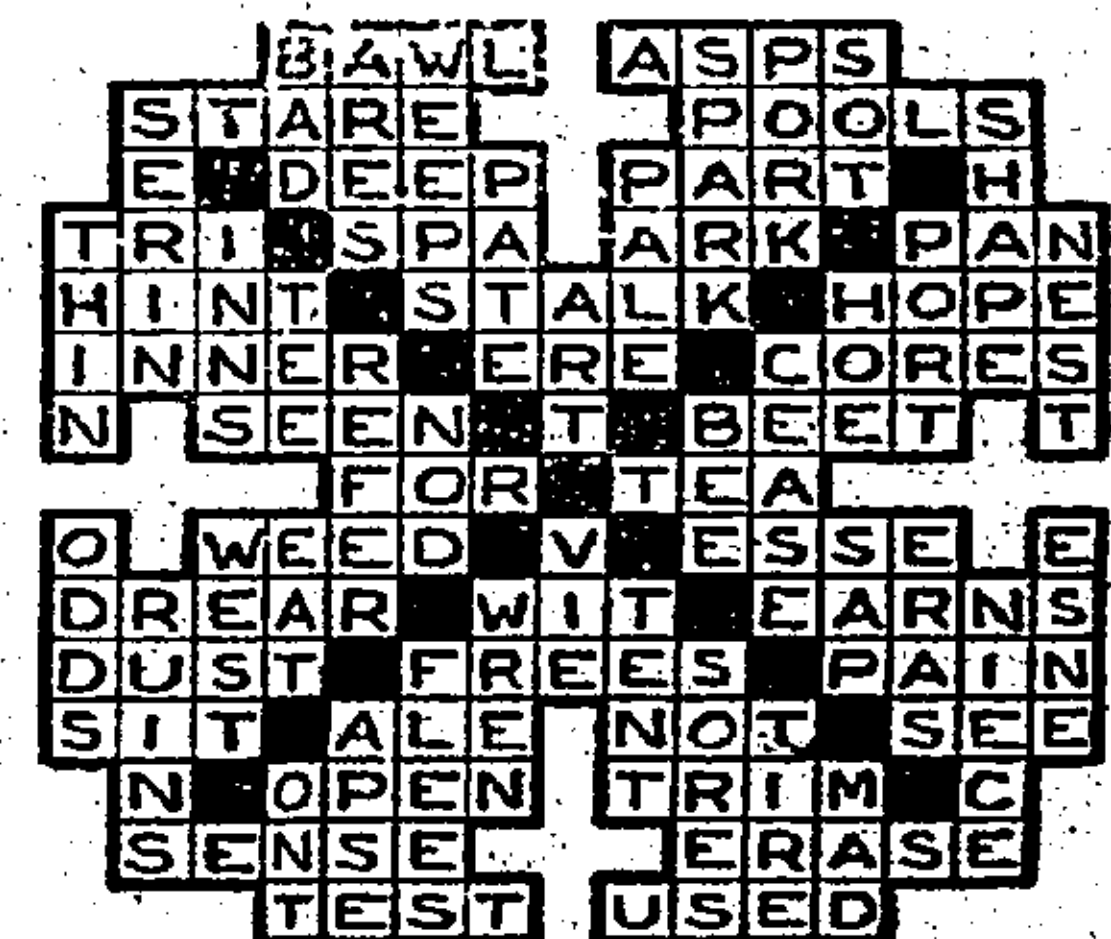
A. M. da Silva and Mrs. J. Noronha (Recreio).
 lost to G. A. Smith and Miss R. Summers 13—21
 beat S. Newman and Miss J. Summers 21—8
 beat C. Bovaird and Miss E. Pollock 23—22
 C. N. da Silva and Miss A. Remedios (Recreio).
 beat Smith and Miss Summers 21—14
 beat Newman and Miss Summers 21—5
 beat Bovaird and Miss Pollock 21—17
 L. A. L. da Silva and Miss C. Botelho (Recreio).
 lost to Smith and Miss Summers 11—21
 beat Newman and Miss Summers 21—17
 lost to Bovaird and Miss Pollock 17—21

RECREIO "A" WIN

Visiting the Seamen's Institute last night, Club de Recreio "A" defeated Free Lances by 6 games to 3.

Scores:
 J. L. Anderson and Miss M. Griffiths (Free Lances).
 beat M. A. Oliveira and Miss M. Silva 21—13
 lost to J. J. Remedios and Miss O. Ribeiro 20—23
 beat L. A. Carvalho and Miss M. Ribeiro 21—10
 Mr. and Mrs. S. W. Clark (Free Lances).
 lost to Oliveira and Miss Silva 8—21
 lost to Remedios and Miss Ribeiro 11—21
 beat Carvalho and Miss Ribeiro 21—13
 A. L. Fisher and Miss N. Eardley (Free Lances).
 lost to Oliveira and Miss Silva 7—21
 lost to Remedios and Miss Ribeiro 16—21
 lost to Carvalho and Miss Ribeiro 21—21

YESTERDAY'S SOLUTION



RAJAH PUTS ON THE DOG

Rajah, a five-year-old registered Great Dane, really "put on the dog" while out for a stroll in Milwaukee. He saw a parked taxicab with a rear door open and promptly jumped in. His master, Assistant District Attorney Andrew Brunhart, sought in vain to entice him out. Upon the advice of a policeman, the cab driver drove the "passenger" to his home. There Rajah stepped majestically from the cab while his master paid the 50-cent fare.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS

NOTICE.

Horace Charles Pratt late of Stanley Prison in the Colony of Hong Kong, deceased.

Notice is hereby given that all claims against the estate of the above named deceased must be submitted to the Supt. of Prisons on or before the 11th day March 1938.

F. A. HOPKINS,
 Superintendent of Prisons.

H.K. VOLUNTEER DEFENCE CORPS

Orders by Lieut. Colonel R. C. B. Anderson, M.C. Commandant, Hong Kong Volunteer Defence Corps, Friday, 25th February, 1938.

PROMOTION

His Excellency the Governor has been pleased to approve the following promotion in the Hong Kong Volunteer Defence Corps, with effect from 19th February, 1938:

Regimental Sergeant Major Thomas Parkinson to be Lieutenant. (C.S.O. No. 2/198/38).

PARADES

1st Battery
A Section. Lecture by Major Smith, R.A., at H.Q. on Thursday, March 3rd at 5.30 p.m. Subject "Lessons from shoots at Camp".

L Section. There will be no parade on Friday, March 4th.

Signal Section. There will be no parade on Friday, March 4th. A Section signallers will attend lecture on Thursday, March 3rd.

2nd Battery
Wednesday, 2nd March, 5.30 p.m. H.M.S. Tamar. No. 2 Gun Crew. Dress—Overalls and S.D. Cap.

Thursday, 3rd March, 5.30 p.m. H.M.S. Tamar. No. 1 Gun Crew. Dress—Overalls and S.D. Cap.

Engineer Company
Monday, 28th February, 5.30 p.m. H.Q. L.G. instruction. Course 2, lessons 1 and 2.

Thursday, 3rd March, 5.30 p.m. R.E. Instructional Shed. D.E.L. instruction.

Corps Signals
Tuesday, 1st March, 5.30 p.m. H.Q. Machine Gun Troop

Tuesday, 1st March, 5.30 p.m. H.Q. M.G. instruction.

Armoured Car Section
Tuesday, 1st March, 5.30 p.m. H.Q. A, B & C Classes—M.G. Instruction.

Friday, 4th March, 5.30 p.m. H.Q. A & B Classes—Barr & Stroud. C Class—M.G. Instruction.

Motor Machine Gun Platoon
Friday, 4th March, 5.15 p.m. H.Q. Tactical exercise at Pokfulam. Dress—overalls.

No. 1 (M.G.) Company
Sunday, 27th February, Musketry, Table B. Kowloon City "B" Range. Firing commences at 9.00 a.m.

Friday, 4th March, 5.30 p.m. H.Q. M.G. instruction.

No. 2 (M.G.) Company
Thursday, 3rd March, 5.30 p.m. H.Q. B Class—Mechanism, refresher. C Class—E.G.D.

No. 3 (M.G.) Company
Monday, 28th February, 5.30 p.m. H.Q. Class A—Indication. Classes B and C—Points B.D.A.

No. 4 (M.G.) Company
Sunday, 27th February, 10 a.m. H.Q. Uniform and Equipment inspection.

Wednesday, 2nd March, 5.30 p.m. H.Q. Intersection I.A. Competition.

Friday, 4th March, 5.30 p.m. H.Q. Infantry training.

Portuguese Companies
Companies' Annual Shoot. The Companies' Annual Shoot will be held at Stonecutters on Sunday, February 27th. Details have already been issued.

Parade on Tuesday, 1st March, 5.30 p.m. H.Q.

A.A. Company—I.A. Competition and L.G. Training.

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No. 5 (M.G.) Company.—Class 1 and 2—Mechanism. Class 3 and Recruits—I.A.

Machine Gun Signals

Sunday, 27th February. Musketry Table B. Kowloon City "B" Range. Firing commences 9 a.m.

Monday, 28th February, 5.15 p.m. H.Q. Subsection D—Revolver drill.

Wednesday, 2nd March, 5.15 p.m. H.Q. Subsection D Recruits—Map Reading.

Friday, 4th March. Subsection A & B will leave H.Q. by lorry for Island reconnaissance at 5.15 p.m.

Saturday, 5th March. D/Rs. as detailed report in uniform at 9 a.m. to Command H.Q.

Army Service Corps Company
Thursday, 3rd March, 5.30 p.m. R.A.S.C. Camber. Lewis Gun instruction.

Pay Section
Friday, 4th March, 5.30 p.m. H.Q. R.O.D.C.—Construction Section

Thursday, 10th March. Parade at H.Q. at 5.30 p.m. and proceed by lorry to Kennedy Road Range to carry out an exercise on "Tunnel" type demolitions. All members are requested to be present at this important exercise.

TRANSFER
No. 1324 C.S.M. E. Moses, from 1st Bty., L Sec. to Reserve (General List).—25.2.38.

LEAVE
No. 2507 Bdr. J. M. X. de Souza, 1st Bty., L Sec.—21.2.38-3.4.38.

No. 2007 L/Cpl. A. J. Dennis, Engineer Coy.—25.2.38-24.2.39.

No. 56 Piper P. D. Wilson, No. 2 (M.G.) Coy.—19.2.38-30.11.38.

No. 2634 Pte. F. Hillon, No. 2 (M.G.) Coy.—6.3.38-31.3.38.

STRENGTH—DECREASE
No. 2226 Sapper W. R. Brumwell, Engineer Coy.—7.2.38.

No. 2791 Sgm. Bakshish Singh, Corps Signals.—18.2.38.

STRENGTH—INCREASE
No. 3024 Private J. S. K. Loong, No. 4 (M.G.) Coy.—18.2.38.

No. 3025 Gunner S. J. G. Burt, 2nd Bty.—25.2.38.

S. F. HEDGECOE, Captain, Adjutant, H.K.V.D. Corps.

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The last of the series of lectures on First Aid will be given at the P.W.D. Offices on Monday, 28th February at 5.30 p.m.

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(By "RAPIER")

TO-DAY IS THE LAST DAY OF THE 1938 ANNUAL RACE MEETING, AND, AUGMENTED BY CHILDREN, WHO WILL BE ADMITTED FOR THE FIRST AND LAST TIME, THERE SHOULD BE AN EXTRAORDINARILY LARGE ATTENDANCE PRESENT. RACING WILL COMMENCE AT 2.00 P.M., AND THERE ARE ONLY NINE RACES ON THE PROGRAMME, THE MOST IMPORTANT OF WHICH ARE THE AUSTRALIAN PONIES' CHAMPIONS AND THE SUBSCRIPTION GRIFFINS CHAMPIONS.

Despite the fact that the track had not fully recovered from the effects of rain, which fell fairly consistently during the previous week, some exceptionally fast times were recorded during the last three days of racing. The track should now be on the firm side again, and it will not surprise me to see the record lowered in the Australian ponies' champions.

The Nil Desperandum Stakes are divided into two sections, and as these notes were written before the draw was made, I can only generalise on the prospects.

THE NIL DESPERANDUM STAKES: ONE MILE

Subscription griffins of this season that have started twice at this meeting and have not won are given an opportunity of collecting stake money, which is \$750.00 to the winner in each section. Looking back on the results of events in which subscription griffins appeared, the following were prominent, and from among them the winners of the respective sections will be found:—

Ali Baba (Mr. Proulx),
Astrik (Mr. B. L. Tao),
Dekko (Mr. Maitland),
Five Rulers (Mr. K. S. Shu),
Golden Cow (Mr. S. C. Liang),
National Dignity (Mr. H. C. Pih),
Salvage Master (Mr. D. Black),
I favour Golden Cow and Salvage Master, and I submit that it was due to bad luck that they have not scored a win yet. Golden Cow came very near to accomplishing it on two occasions, and Salvage well, but was beaten by Jobber in



Master did well to occupy third place in the Sports Club Cup over the Derby distance.

But for the fact that the distance is a little too long, I would nominate Astrik, as I recall that under the hard riding of Mr. Tao, this pony very nearly won the second section of the Wong-Nel-Chong Stakes. It came up over the last 100 yards with a powerful rush, and with another few lengths it might have won, as National Force, the winner, was rapidly tiring.

THE GRIFFINS SPRING HANDICAP: ONE MILE

There should not be much difficulty in picking out the winner of this race, which is confined to griffins, China ponies, that had not hitherto secured a win.

The following will probably face the starter:—

Advancing Time (Mr. Pote-Hunt), Half Moon Eve (Mr. Marshall), Lancashire Lass (Mr. A. W. Raymond), Lucky (Mr. Encarnacao), National Defence (Mr. H. C. Pih), Sunlight View (Mr. Y. K. Wouh) and Tampa Bay (Mr. Maitland).

Over the same distance last Wednesday, Half-Moon Eve ran quite well, but was beaten by Jobber in



Gypsy Love (Mr. B. L. Tao up) being led in after winning the Adelaide Stakes. ("Mail" photo).

the last few yards after a fairly even encounter. The finish in this race should be fought out between Half-Moon Eve and Lancashire Lass, with the former as my choice, while I expect to see Advancing Time fill third position.

THE FLEMINGTON PLATE: FROM THE 1½ MILE POST

This race has been selected to serve as the first leg of the "Daily Double," which will be contested by Australian ponies of this season that have started at the Meeting and have not won, and old ponies that have not won more than \$1,000 in stakes.

With so many fast ponies participating, it is no easy problem to spot the likely winner, although I doubt very much whether any one

among those entered can keep up with Derby Day.

The following are likely starters:—

A Great Time (Mr. J. Pote-Hunt), Australian Boy (Mr. B. L. Tao), Derby Day (Mr. S. W. Tang), Discovery Bay (Mr. H. Maitland), Llangollen (Mr. A. W. Raymond), Ranger (Mr. D. Black), Boronia Belle (Mr. L. P. Ralph), Rooify (Mr. Davis), Streamline, The Buffer (Mr. Needa) and Zodiac (Mr. S. C. Liang).

I think that Derby Day should win, as over this same distance it could beat some of the other "A" class runners.

On the other hand, it must be realised that Ranger is also a fast-moving animal, but there is always the danger that it will refuse to start, as it has done on previous occasions. I expect Ranger to fill second place, while A Great Time and Zodiac fighting it out for the third position.

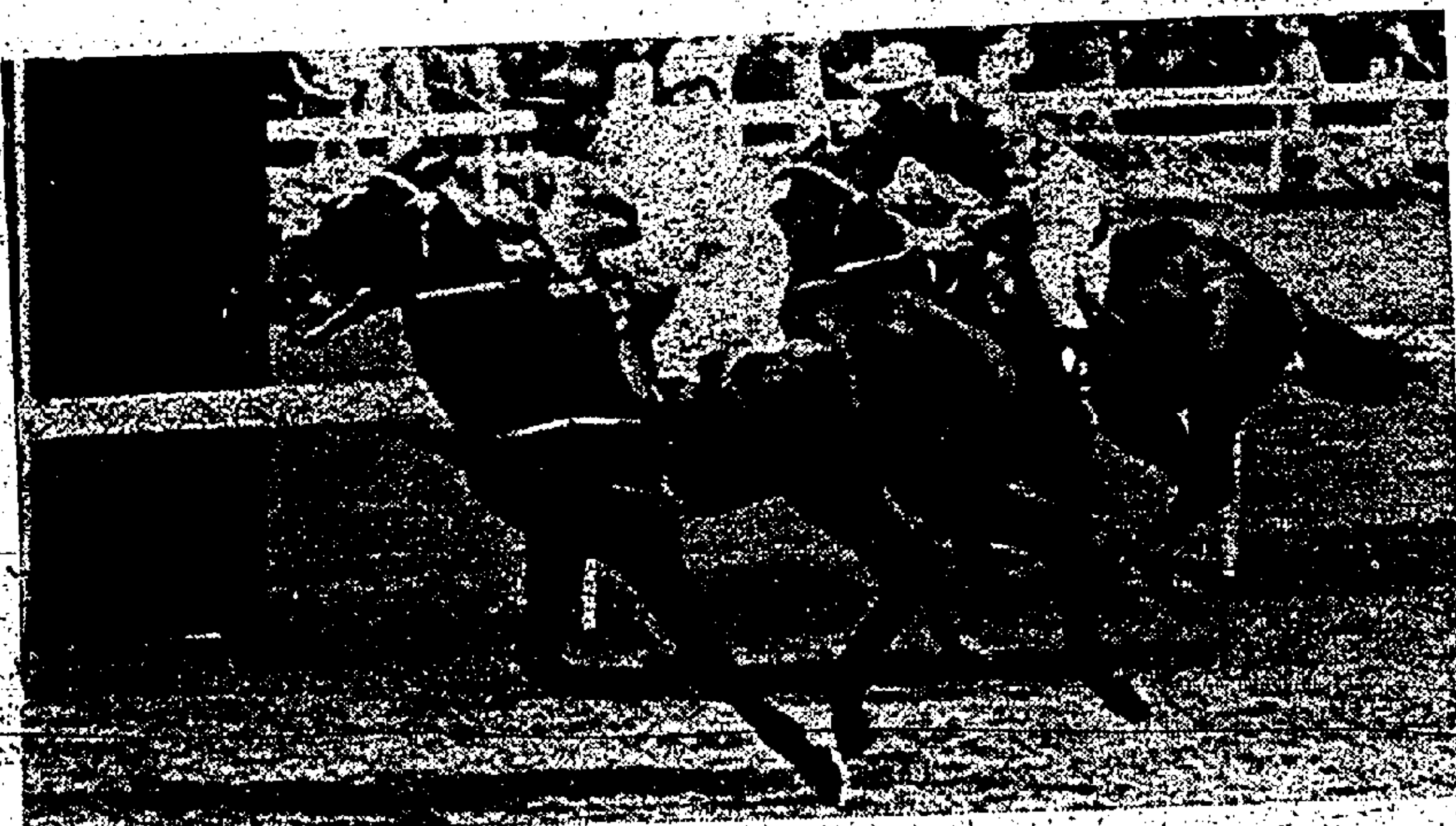
THE PROFESSIONAL CUP AND SUBSCRIPTION GRIFFINS CHAMPIONS: POST ENTRIES: 1½ MILES:

As was the case last year, when Gordito was regarded as a certainty for the same event, I think the same can appropriately be applied to Louis XIV, which is owned by Mr. S. W. Tang.

I expect to see the following going to the post:—

BORRACHITO (MR. H. MAITLAND),
DESERT STAR (MR. NEEDA),
FINAL TRIUMPH (MR. J. POTE-HUNT),
LOUIS XIV (MR. S. W. TANG),
METEOR,
NATIONAL FORCE (MR. H. C. PIH),
PIET HEIN (MR. L. B. CHAO),
SMILING THRU (MR. C. ENCARNACAO).

After coming in third in the Valley Stakes, Louis XIV went on (Continued on Page 19)



Gypsy Love (Mr. B. L. Tao up) winning the Adelaide Stakes by a neck from Lancashire Chips (Mr. B. A. Proulx up). ("Mail" photo).

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Mr. Eu Tong-sen's Smiling Thru (Mr. C. Encarnacao up) being led in after its thrilling win in the Governor's Cup. Mr. Eu Tong-sen had four winners last Tuesday and Mr. Encarnacao five! ("Mail" photo).



Tornado Star (Mr. F. Marshall up) being led in after winning the Rooty-Hill Derby from Annabella (Mr. B. A. Proulx). ("Mail" photo).



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to win the Exchange Plate (2 mile post), the Subscription Griffins Challenge Cup (1 1/4 miles) and the Sports Club Cup 1 1/2 miles, carrying 168 lbs.).

On such performances, Louis XIV can be regarded as the outstanding subscription griffin of this year, and a win in this race is naturally indicated.

The only danger will come from Smiling Thru, which has also done quite well, and I expect many will still pin their faith on Desert Star, especially as it will be ridden by Mr. Needa.

My nominations are: Louis XIV to win, Smiling Thru second, and Desert Star third.

THE PHAETON HANDICAP: FROM THE TWO MILE POST

This is the second leg of the "Daily Double," and although the first leg might appear somewhat easy to select, making the right connection here will be a ticklish problem. There should be a fairly large field, and the finish should be fought out between the following:—

Coronation Day (Mr. S. W. Tang), Gold Coin (Mr. H. P. Chanson), Gold Sovereign (Mr. B. L. Tao), Laughing Girl (Mr. S. C. Liang), Plain View (Mr. H. C. Pin), Racing Boy (Mr. Ip Kui Ying), Royal Consort (Mr. K. S. Shu), Whalsey (Mr. Proulx) and Ythan (Mr. H. Maitland).

During the previous four days of racing, Plain View had not made any appearance, and, judging by its performance, when it won the Norfolk Handicap, for "D" Class ponies, at the Tenth Extra Race Meeting last year, it may win this race. Laughing Girl also looks good, but it may not last the distance, in which event I look to Ythan to give Plain View the opposition.

As an outsider, I suggest keeping Royal Consort in mind, as this pony is very fit at the moment, while Coronation Day is another pony which should not be neglected, and the same remarks apply to Racing

HOW JOCKEYS HAVE FARED

	1st.	2nd.	3rd.	Un.
C. Encarnacao	8	6	2	10
V. V. Needa	8	3	4	23
H. Maitland	6	10	3	16
H. C. Pih	5	1	1	27
J. Pote-Hunt	4	2	4	17
R. B. Moller	4	0	0	2
F. Marshall	2	6	4	9
S. W. Tang	3	2	3	11
B. A. Proulx	2	4	1	7
B. L. Tao	2	3	5	11
A. Noodt	1	2	5	9
K. S. Shu	1	1	1	10
L. P. Ralph	1	0	1	6
L. B. Chao	1	0	1	11
S. L. Yuen	1	0	0	13
W. H. S. Davis	0	2	1	16
S. C. Liang	0	2	0	10
D. Black	0	1	2	19
C. L. Gregory	0	1	1	12
A. W. Raymond	0	1	1	14
Y. K. Wouh	0	0	2	14
W. G. Poy	0	0	2	15
K. I. Ip	0	0	1	7
S. N. Pan	0	0	0	1
Tang Man Wa	0	0	0	1
A. D. Connin	0	0	0	1
P. A. Fishbourne	0	0	0	2
B. L. de Robeck	0	0	0	2
T. W. Chattey	0	0	0	4
C. E. W. Scott	0	0	0	5
D. R. A. Spreckley	0	0	0	5
Y. T. Fung	0	0	0	11
Ip Kui Ying	0	0	0	12



Boy, although both of them did not appear to do too well last Wednesday, particularly the last-named.

THE HAPPY VALLEY SPRING HANDICAP: "A" DIVISION: FROM TWO MILE POST:

Despite its failure last Wednesday, when it could not even secure a place in the last race, Wild Life (Mr. Maitland) has been allotted top weight, which honour is also shared by Soldier of Honour and Cossack's Beauty.

Oak Bay and Gladiator come next with 166 lbs. With such heavy burdens to carry, I think they may be safely left out, as far as betting is concerned, although it is within the realms of possibility that one of them can still win. Carrying 161 lbs., Soldier of Britain (Mr. H. C. Pih) should find it possible to score a belated win, and with only 140 lbs. to shoulder, look out for Harvest View (Mr. Wouh).

THE AUSTRALIAN PONIES CHAMPIONS: 1 1/4 MILES

What a grand race this will turn out to be, the finish of which will probably eclipse anything previously seen on the local track, possibly apart from the spectacle of Liberty Bay's defeat last Wednesday in the China ponies' champions.

I have no information as to whether Tornado Star, winner of the Rooty-Hill Derby, will challenge the best among the old Australian ponies. It is possible that its owners



will decide to rest it, so that I expect to see the following starting:—

ABLE AMAZON (MR. S. C. LIANG)
BLANDFORD (MR. W. G. POY)
ELECTRON (MR. NEEDA)
GYPSY LOVE (MR. B. L. TAO)
HOME BREW (MR. L. P. RALPH)
LANCASHIRE CHIPS (MR. PROULX)
STRATHROY (MR. BLACK).

After its brilliant performance in the Melbourne Cup, over the same distance, Electron will undoubtedly command the most support, and if Mr. Needa can obtain the same response from it as he did in the previous race, then I would have no hesitation in nominating Electron as the coming Champion.

It has certainly a grand opportunity of achieving this honour, especially as I have yet to see a jockey handle it as beautifully as Mr. Needa. But what about Strathroy? Is it on the decline; or was its previous defeat only a temporary lapse?



If Mr. Black keeps Strathroy just behind the leader, it should be able to produce a speedy last quarter that not even Electron can hope to equal.

Gypsy Love has revealed a remarkable improvement, and it may yet strike when least expected, especially after its brilliant run last Wednesday, when it defeated Lancashire Chips. The finish should

HOW OWNERS HAVE FARED

	1st.	2nd.	3rd.
Eu Tong Sen	8	6	3
Dynasty	4	0	2
S. W. Tang	3	0	1
Mrs. Dunbar	3	0	0
Cire	3	0	0
L. Dunbar	2	5	3
Lan	2	1	2
Why	2	1	0
Li Po Chun	2	0	2
C. W. K.	2	0	0
Eve	1	4	3
Gredka	1	4	1
Li & Edgar	1	2	1
Marber	1	2	0
C. N. K.	1	1	0
Kwok Hin Wang	1	1	0
Gordos	1	1	0
L. C. L.	1	0	2
Mrs. Pearce	1	0	1
Wolf & Harrison	1	0	1
J. M. Smith	1	0	1
Hollandia	1	0	1
T. & E.	1	0	0
W. K. Yuen	1	0	0
John Peel	1	0	0
F. C. Hall	1	0	0
J. E. D.	1	0	0
Yeung & Pih	1	0	0
Lancashire	0	3	3
Black & White	0	3	0
Lady Northcote	0	2	1
L. Reidy	0	2	1
Dr. S. N. Chau	0	2	0
G. G. N. Tinson	0	1	1
Mrs. Stanton	0	1	1
T. M. Gregory	0	1	0
Mrs. Seth	0	1	0
J. F. Macgregor	0	1	0
C. B. Brown	0	1	0
E. S. K.	0	1	0
Lucky	0	0	2
L. T. F.	0	0	2
Wong Sui Neeu	0	0	2
Yuen Rine Yuen	0	0	1
Miss Li Po Chun	0	0	1
Kong Bros.	0	0	1
R. M. Sandbach	0	0	1
S. C.	0	0	1
Wavroone	0	0	1
Mr. & Mrs. Stanton	0	0	1
Tucker	0	0	1

again be fought out between Strathroy, Electron and Gypsy Love, with Lancashire Chips as the outsider.

THE HAPPY VALLEY SPRING HANDICAP: "B" DIVISION: FROM TWO MILE POST:

There is really nothing much to choose from in this race, and, despite having to carry 168 lbs., I think Boolat Bay (Mr. Maitland) can win, as it will be running against weak opposition.

With only 145 lbs. to carry, Commencement Bay may win, and I recommend keeping Jungle Jim in mind, due to its class.

COLONY TENNIS CHAMPIONSHIPS

The following matches in the Colony Open Singles and Doubles Lawn Tennis Championships have been arranged for next week:

MONDAY

OPEN SINGLES

Marsland v Crawford
Leong Ping-chiu v H. Y. Ho
S. A. Rumjahn v Maj. F. T. Baines
F. A. Broadbridge v W. A. Land
F. V. Harrison v P. S. Leong
E. C. Fincher v Ma Nai-kwong

OPEN DOUBLES

Luk Ding-cheong and A. Chan
Wong Shiu-wing and H. Chan
M. W. Lo and D. K. Leung
M. K. Lo and B. Szeto
A. Warr and F. H. Kwok
W. A. Land and S. W. Liang

TUESDAY

OPEN SINGLES

J. F. L. Smalley v I. M. A. Razack
Cdr. Rump v J. C. Pool
Tsui Yan-pui v W. J. Skinner
Cheng Ping-yeung v Tennie Wong
W. C. Hung v Tonnice Wang

OPEN DOUBLES

G. W. Sewell and Wei Chung
T. C. Monaghan and Pang Oi-lan
Ma Nai-kwong and Leong Ping-chiu
Li Kwan-hing and Marsland
A. C. I. Bowker and R. B. Bulpin
W. M. Barton and F. A. Fowler
Paul Kong and Ip Cho-ping
Lee Wai-tong and Lui Kwai-fan

WEDNESDAY

OPEN SINGLES

B. Agafuroff v Wei Chung
A. Warr v Wong Shiu-wing
Drysdale v Pang Oi-lan
G. W. Sewell v G. Choa
D. K. Leung v T. E. Wheble

OPEN DOUBLES

H. Owen-Hughes and Leisen Lew
T. A. Pearce and Peter U.
A. V. Gosano and Dinsey
Remedios and Delane
S. A. Rumjahn and F. V. Harrison
H. D. Rumjahn and W. Sander
E. C. Fincher and S. A. Hussain
W. C. Hung and S. S. Hussain



THURSDAY

OPEN SINGLES

F. H. Kwok v H. Chan
Wong Fuk-nam v Leonard
Paul Kong v Y. C. Lau
M. W. Lo v Firdos Khan
Lee Wai-tong v S. A. Gray

OPEN DOUBLES

I. Agafuroff and Wheble
Pengelly and Douglass
Rump and Newham
Lt. Watt and Baines
Tsui Wai-pui and Ng Kam-chuen
Tsui Yan-pui and P. F. Cheng
Barros and Wong Fuk-nam
Gonsalves and Cheng Ping-yeung

FRIDAY

OPEN SINGLES

Tsui Wai-pui v A. Chan
S. A. Hussain v H. D. Rumjahn

CLUB EVENTS

W. M. Barton v F. V. Harrison
T. A. Pearce v T. C. Monaghan
H. D. Bidwell v H. J. Armstrong
Douglass v Sander

OPEN DOUBLES

Lock and Tomlinson v A. Warr and Land or F. H. Kwok and S. W. Liang.
O. E. C. Morton and Evans v Lo and Lo or Leung and Szeto.
J. W. Leonard and G. Choa v Crawford and Burnett.

BRAWN CUP HOCKEY

Three Matches For To-day

There are no Caer Clark Cup hockey games scheduled for this afternoon, although three games in the Brawn Cup League are down for decision, all of them being played at King's Park.

The following is to-day's programme:—

BRAWN CUP LEAGUE

Recreio Ladies v. Seaford Ladies
(C.B.A. ground, 4.15 p.m.)
C.B.S. "B" v. St. Andrew's Ladies
(C.B.A. ground, 3 p.m.)
"Y" Ladies v. C.B.S. "A"
(C.B.A. ground, 3 p.m.)



TWO RUGBY GAMES THIS AFTERNOON

There will be two games of Rugby Football on the Navy Ground at Causeway Bay to-day. At 3.00 p.m. the Club "A" XV will play the Royal Scots, and this game will be followed at 4.15 by a match between the Club and H.M.S. Adventure.

Club teams are:—
1st XV:—F. Cessford, D. H. Stewart, M. G. Carruthers, M. W. MacGrath, G. K. Chadwick, C. W. Lyle, J. R. Henderson, K. A. Watson, J. S. Dunnett, R. G. L. Oliphant, A. W. Holden, W. E. Peers, J. Redman, A. J. G. Taylor and J. C. Miller (Captain).

"A" XV:—H. F. Hopkins, H. van Leeuwen, L. Lammert, R. Leigh, F. M. Thompson, E. Taverner, R. Rutherford, K. H. G. White, T. H. Pratt (Captain), A. S. Olson, A. G. Dalziel, T. Swan, H. W. E. Heath, J. K. Birt and E. C. Luscombe.

INTERNATIONAL RUGBY CLASSIC AT MURRAYFIELD THIS AFTERNOON

Scotland will be featured in the second of her International Rugby fixtures to-day when she clash with Ireland at Murrayfield. Scotland have won 33 matches since the inception of the series, while Ireland have won 19, three having been drawn.

TABLE TENNIS STARS IN ACTION THIS EVENING

Miklos Szabados and Istvan Kelen, Hungarian and world table tennis champions, will give their first exhibition at the Chinese Y.M.C.A. Bridges Street, at 8 p.m. to-day.

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TO-DAY'S CRICKET PROGRAMME

Three Junior League Matches

Officially the Senior League cricket season ended last Saturday but, owing to the weather, the races and the Islington Corinthians, two blocks of matches have been postponed and will be decided on the 5th, and 12th. of March.

This afternoon's programme is confined to three Junior League matches the most interesting of which will probably be the game at King's Park between the Recreio and Hong Kong Cricket Club.

PROGRAMME

UNIVERSITY v ARMY "A"
RECREIO v H.K.C.C.
C.S.C.C. v I.R.C.

FRIENDLIES

H.K.C.C. v I.R.C.
K.C.C. 2nd XI v Royal Engineers.

Some of the teams:—

H.K.C.C. 1st XI:—A. W. Hayward (Capt.), J. H. Fox, L. D. Kilbee, H. B. Neve, M. R. Swain, M. F. L. Haymes, J. Barrow, H. Owen Hughes, F. Baker, D. McLellan, L. T. Ride.

H.K.C.C. 2nd XI:—E. J. R. Mitchell (Capt.), F. H. Stokes, V. C. Bond, D. S. Robb, D. S. Blake, H. W. Baines, N. P. Fox, R. S. W. Paterson, R. L. D. Wodehouse, C. W. E. Bishop, G. E. R. Divett.

C. de R. 2nd XI:—F. H. Carvalho (Capt.), E. A. R. Alves, L. G. Gosano, A. V. Gosano, E. M. L. Soares, A. E. Noronha, C. P. Basto, H. M. Xavier, A. A. Lopes, M. Mendonca and J. Soares.

K.C.C. 2nd XI:—A. A. Dand (Capt.), R. Baldwin, W. Bambo, K. M. Baxter, R. T. Broadbridge, H. Brokenshire, G. F. O'Brien, S. A. Gray, J. R. Luke T. A. Madar and W. L. McKenzie.

SUNDAY'S GAMES

The Kowloon 1st XI will be at home to the Craigengower C.C. in a friendly all-day game of Cricket on Sunday, commencing at 11 a.m. The following teams have been selected:

Kowloon C.C.:—D. J. N. Anderson (Capt.), K. M. Baxter, R. T. Broadbridge, G. F. O'Brien, E. C. Fincher, S. Jex, R. E. Lee, N. D. Lloyd, T. A. Madar, W. L. McKenzie and F. Zimmern. Umpire, J. P. Robinson.

Craigengower:—E. Zimmern (Capt.), P. J. Billimoria, W. Hong Sling, D. Hung, A. K. Ismail, A. T. Lee, F. K. Lee, G. Souza, J. L. Youngsavage, A. Zimmern and F. R. Zimmern. Umpire, G. Ladd. Scorer, T. Lock.

COMBINED SCHOOLS XI

The following will represent the Combined Schools in a friendly game of cricket against Mr. G. R. Sayer's XI on Sunday at 2 p.m. on the Civil Service C.C. ground:

J. L. Youngsavage (Capt.), W. Gegg, N. J. Booker, C. Hoserood, D. Hollidge and D. Parsons (Central British School); K. M. Rumjahn (Queen's College), J. Gosano (La Salle College), A. J. Prata, D. Cary and E. Fisher (Diocesan Boys' School). Reserve, Z. Gosano (La Salle).

CIVILIANS BIG TASK TO-DAY

Meet Corinthians At
Caroline Hill

VISITORS' ATTACK STRENGTHENED

(By "OUTSIDE LIFE")

The Islington Corinthians will play the third match of their present series in the Colony, at Caroline Hill this afternoon, when they meet the Civilians, commencing at 4 p.m.

The Corinthians have totally reorganised their team, and with the inclusion of Sherwood, in the centre-forward berth, fireworks are anticipated.

Buchanan is being rested, and the full-back division has been changed, Martin being brought back at right-half, while Clark, the captain, will move to left-back, his original position.

BRADBURY AS HALF

Bradbury, who is really a half-back, has been taken out of the attack and will be seen at left-half, Wright and Whittaker completing the line.

The visiting attack will comprise Read, Tarrant (at inside-right), Sherwood, Avery and Pearce.

The Civilians are fairly strong with a fairly reliable defence in which the half-backs are the strongest department.

SHARPSHOOTERS

The attack is a thrustful one with several sharpshooters including F. Fowler and Wong Mei-shun, who comprise the right-wing. Knox is at centre-forward and Howlett and Bickford make up the left wing.

The Corinthians are expected to win comfortably, but the Civilians should fully extend them.

The teams are:

Islington Corinthians:—Wingfield; Martin, Clark (Captain); Wright, Whittaker, Bradbury; Read, Tarrant, Sherwood, Avery and Pearce.

Civilians:—Sammy Tsang (East-ern); Mak Siu-hon (South China "A"); V. Costa (St. Joseph's); Leung In-chun (S. China "B"); A. S. Bliss (Kowloon); Lee Kwok-wai (S. China "A"); F. Fowler (Club); Wong Mei-shun (S. China "A"); D. Knox (Kowloon); Howlett (Police); B. I. Bickford (Club).

Reserves:—Hussain (St. Joseph's), Gough (Police), D. Leonard (St. Joseph's) and Ward (St. Joseph's).



The Corinthians coming in to tiffin during last Wednesday's cricket match against the Kowloon Cricket Club at Cox's Path. From left to right are Pearce (hand in pocket), Len Bradbury, the wicketkeeper, and G. Dance. ("Mail" photo).

INTERNATIONAL SOFTBALL FINAL TO-DAY

TO-DAY'S SPOTLIGHT

(By "SHORTSTOP")

WITH glorious weather prevailing, the final of the International Softball championship of Hong Kong, will most probably be held to-morrow.

Both China and America are more than prepared for the melee, and a grand and exciting game should be seen at 2.30 p.m., at the Hong Kong Football Club ground.

Sir Shouson Chow has again promised to pitch the first ball.

"SPOTLIGHT"

The American team in the International Softball Series will be losing their first string pitcher, when Joe Morreale leaves to-day by plane for Hankow, where he has been transferred to that branch of the Texas Company.

Joseph Harold Morreale, tall pitcher and first baseman of the Hong Kong Baseball Club's softball squad, was born at Middletown, New York, 27 years ago.

Joe's sports activities began in earnest at Middletown High School, where he won five letters: three in football and two in track, besides playing some basketball.

After one year at Gettysburg University, in Pennsylvania, where he played freshman football, he entered Colgate University, Hamilton, New York, and figured prominently in the championship team that won the intramural basketball competitions of 1936, the year in which he graduated.

Joe didn't play much baseball in school, but was active in the softball league, at Hamilton, during the year of his graduation, and learned more in that one year playing in stiff competition than he had ever before.

Nanking was his first residence in China and he was transferred to Hong Kong last September. Since his arrival in the Colony, Joe has turned out for practically every softball game in which the H.K. Baseball Club played, and distinguished himself at the initial sack, and, latterly, showing up as a first class pitcher with his deceptive deliveries.



Joe Morreale, first string pitcher for America, is leaving to-day for Hankow. Joe is from Colgate University and can groove 'em in at the right time.

OPEN SQUASH TOURNEY TIES POSTPONED

Owing to the unexpected movements of H. M. Ships, four of the last eight players remaining in the Open Squash Tournament had to leave the Colony on February 19 or 20.

It is expected that these competitors will all return about the middle of March, and it has been decided to postpone the remaining matches accordingly.

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12-12.20 p.m.—Relay of Service of Intercession from St. John's Cathedral.
12.30 p.m.—Reginald Foort at the Organ.
In A Monastery Garden (Ketelbey).
Second Sereade (Haykens).
Palace Theatre Medley.
12.40 p.m.—Gilbert & Sullivan Excerpts.
'Patience'.
So Go to Him.... Bertha Lewis and George Baker.
It's Clear That Medieval Art.
D. Oldham, M. Green and D. Fancourt.
Love Is A Plaintive Song.
Winifred Lawson (Soprano).
'The Pirates of Penzance'.
What Shall I Do?... Derek Oldham.

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Oh! Is There Not One Maiden Breast.... D. Oldham, E. Griffin and Chorus of Girls.
'The Yeomen of the Guard'—Night Has Spread Her Pall Once More.
Dorothy Gill and Chorus.
1 p.m.—Local Time Signal and Weather Report.
1.03 p.m.—Derickson (Tenor) and Brown (Piano).
Over Somebody Else's Shoulder

(Sherman & Lewis).
You Oughta Be In Pictures (Heyman & Suesse).
One Morning In May (Parish & Carmichael).
1.13 p.m.—Alfredo Campoli and His Orchestra.
Tango Habanera (Payan, arr. Hartley).
Obstination (Fontenailles, arr. Crook).
Romance In Moonlight—Medley.
Vienna In Springtime (Leon-Pelosi).
Your Heart Called Mine (Edgar-Lewinnek-Hayon).
1.30 p.m.—Reuter & Rugby Press; Weather Forecast & Announcements.
1.40 p.m.—Mozart—Piano Concerto In B Major, K.V. 450. Played by Elly Ney with Chamber Orchestra conducted by Dr. W. van Hoogstraten.
2.15 p.m.—Close down.
6-7 p.m.—Chinese Programme.
7 p.m.—Schumann—Trio In D Minor, Op. 63. Played by Cortot, Thibaud and Casals.
7.32 p.m.—Closing local Stock Quotations.
7.35 p.m.—Spanish Music.
If I could forget your eyes (Sandoval-Albeniz).... Beniamino Gigli (Tenor).
Spanish Dance No. 3 (Granados).
Tiana (Albeniz).... New Light Symphony Orchestra cond. by Eugene Goossens.
Granada (Albeniz and Cuenca).
Danza 5 (Granados and Munoz Lo-rente).... Conchita Supervia (Mez-

zo-Soprano).
Danza Espanola No. 6 (Granados).
Madrid Symphony Orchestra cond. by Enrique Fernandez Arbos.
8 p.m.—Local Time Signal, Weather Report and Announcements.
8.03 p.m.—Songs by Gracie Fields.
One Of The Little Orphans Of The Storm (film 'Queen of Hearts').
Queen of Hearts (from the film).
I Haven't Been The Same Girl Since (Harper & Haines).
8.13 p.m.—Variety.
Cinema Organ—
Melody In F (Rubinstein).
Berceuse De Jocelyn (Godard).
Edward O'Henry.
Vocal—Hildegard Looks Back.
Hildegard.
Guitar—
Dipsomania (Len Fillis).
Mood Ruby (Len Fillis).
Len Fillis.
Comedian—George Formby Medley.
George Formby with his Ukulele and Orchestra.
Organ—
With Sword and Lance—March (Starke).
Blaze Away—March (Holzmann).
Reginald Dixon.
8.45 p.m.—Local Sport Results.
8.50 p.m.—London Relay — 'London Log'.
9 p.m.—London Relay—The New Coventry Hippodrome Orchestra.
9.30 p.m.—London Relay—The News.
9.50 p.m.—Relay of the Dance Orchestra from the Grill Room of the Hong Kong Hotel.
10.55 p.m.—London Relay—Scotland v. Ireland. A commentary on the International Rugby Union Football Match by H. B. T. Wakelam from Murrayfield, Edinburgh. (By courtesy of the Scottish Rugby Union).
12.30 p.m.—Close down.

BRIDGE NOTES

By ELY CULBERTSON

A MISFIT

"Dear Mr. Culbertson: The riding of two suited hands gives me considerable trouble. I never know whether to show both suits, or to retire from the bidding after having shown only one. The hand I am enclosing is a typical illustration of my difficulty. It occurred in a matchpoint duplicate game last night and, due to what I freely admit was my fault, my partner and I came out with a big, fat zero on the board. I do not know exactly where I slipped. Will you please analyze and discuss the bidding?"

South, dealer.
Both sides vulnerable.
Match point duplicate.

NORTH

S.—K Q 6 3 2
H.—None
D.—10 7 6
C.—Q J 9 5 4

WEST

EAST

S.—J 8 4
H.—Q J 9 6 5
D.—A 8 2
C.—K 7
S.—A 10 5
H.—10 8 7
D.—9 5 3
C.—A 6 3 2

SOUTH

S.—9 7
H.—A K 4 3 2
D.—K Q J 4
C.—10 8

The bidding:

South	West	North	East
1 heart	Pass	1 spade	Pass
2 diamonds	Pass	3 clubs	Pass
3 no trump	Pass	Pass	Pass

"I was anything but fond of the final no trump contract, since I was void of a suit, but did not know what to do about it. West opened a heart and the final result was a three trick set. Where should the hand have played?"

"Yours very truly,

"R. E. M., Toledo, O."

This correspondent is not unusual in finding it difficult to bid two suited hands. As every one knows, this distribution is highly favourable when the partnership hands fit, but the shoe is decidedly on the other foot when they do not fit.

That being so, it is only logical to bid such hands aggressively when a fit has been established, but timidly when the bidding has disclosed a misfit.

In the case in point, the misfit was apparent. North was void of his partner's first bid and had only three to a ten of partner's second suit. Not only that, but North's hand was far from robust in the matter of honour tricks. North probably figured that inasmuch as he himself avoided no trump over the two diamonds, his partner should not have taken the three club bid as an invitation to a no trump contract. While there is some merit in this thought, unfortunately such bids always will be taken as "invitations." And, anyway, the club bid took the partnership to a level that was, in itself, unjustified by the combined holdings.

When I pick up such a hand as North's and hear my partner bid a heart, my first thought is: "I'll have to watch my step. This may be a horrible misfit." Only if the bidding proceeds smoothly and encouragingly from my first response on do I become optimistic enough to think about game. Thus, after responding with one spade and hearing partner's bid of two diamonds, I fold my tent and retire from the bidding, thankful that I have found a safe jumping-off spot.

If South were to rebid two hearts I would have real ground for worry. In passing to two diamonds I have little fear that I am missing a game. South needs a terrific hand, or a miraculous fit, for a game to be a certainty.

Apropos of missing game, I wish to point out that a player who never misses a game must, per se, be taking far too many risks.

TO-DAY'S QUESTION

Question: After playing two hands, we discovered that both packs were imperfect. Should the scores made on those hands be thrown out?

Answer: No. Scores made as a result of hands played with an imperfect pack are not affected by the discovery of the imperfection after the cut for the next deal is completed or the rubber score is agreed.

What's On At the Cinemas

AT THE ORIENTAL — "Robber Barons", with Edward Arnold, Gary Grant, Frances Farmer and Jack Oakie. Based on the life of Jim Fisk this picture is a gripping and entertaining dramatic romance, its high emotional appeal being its love theme, the courting of fascinating Josie Mansfield by a financier.

Jean Hersholt. Somerset Maugham's much discussed novel, in which Greta Garbo gives one of the best performances of her career.

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AT THE STAR — "Wild Money." When a penny-pinching accountant suddenly finds himself on the spending end of things, he is liable to go off the handle—especially if the mean one in question happens to be Edward Everett Horton. Supporting the star in his mad career are Louise Campbell, Lynne Overman, Porter Hall, Esther Dale and Lucien Littlefield.

AT THE MAJESTIC — "The Last Of Mrs. Cheyney," a new version, with the presence of Robert Montgomery, William Powell and Joan Crawford in the cast more than sufficient recommendation.

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AT THE KING'S — "The Painted Veil", with Greta Garbo, Herbert Marshall, George Brent, Warner Oland and

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PRACTICE BLACK-OUT ON
FEBRUARY 28TH, 1938Directions In Regard To Use Of
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The Commissioner of Police draws special attention to Regulation 5 of the Temporary Regulations under the Lighting Control Ordinance, 1936, published in the Government Gazette of the 18th day of February, 1938.

The regulations will be in force from 7 p.m. to 11 p.m. on 28th February, 1938.

Regulation 5 is as follows:—

The following restrictions on the use of lights on vehicles shall be observed:—

(1) Except in accordance with such directions as the Commissioner of Police may give under this regulation, the use of head lamps on all vehicles is prohibited. "Head lamp" means a lamp, in which the diameter of the front glass exceeds 4½ inches.

(2) No light shall be shown from any moving vehicle except.

(a) to the front, a white or yellow light from not more than two lamps;

(b) to the rear, a red light from not more than one lamp. Two lights to the front and one to the rear are compulsory for motor vehicles.

No rear "stop" light and no direction indicator of any kind showing a light shall be used.

Nothing in this paragraph shall prevent the use, in trams and omnibuses only, of interior lights reduced in accordance with the provisions of paragraph (4).

(3) No light whatever shall be shown from any stationary vehicle except a tram or an omnibus, and then only while it is stopped for so long as may be necessary to pick up or discharge passengers in the course of its regular service.

(4) The lights of trams and omnibuses must be reduced as the Commissioner of Police may direct.

(5) In the case of all other vehicles—

(a) only electric or oil lamps shall be used;

(b) no lamp of a power exceeding six candle-power shall be used;

(c) the front glasses of all lamps in use must be obscured with at least one thickness of ordinary white or yellow tissue paper or with white or yellow paint, colour-wash or material so that the obscuring effect is not less than that of one thickness of ordinary white tissue paper. The paper, paint or material must cover the whole of the portion of the front glass through which light can pass and must not be treated in any way so as to increase its transparency.

This regulation shall not apply to any vehicle in use on emergency duty for fire brigade, ambulance or police purposes.

The use of head lamps on motor vehicles which have no side lamps will be permitted only if (i) such head lamps are fitted with a disc constructed and attached as follows:—

(a) The disc must be made of completely opaque material, must fit near to the front glass of the lamp (inside the lamp if desired) and must cover it so as to prevent

COMPANY MEETINGS

HONG KONG TELEPHONE
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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the THIRTEENTH ORDINARY YEARLY MEETING OF HONG KONG TELEPHONE COMPANY, LIMITED, will be held on WEDNESDAY the 9th day of March 1938, at the BOARD ROOM of the Company, Second Floor, Exchange Building, Hong Kong, at Noon, for the purpose of receiving a Statement of Accounts and the Report of the Board of Directors, for the financial year ended 31st December, 1937, and re-electing two Directors and the Auditors.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be closed from the 28th February to 9th March 1938, both days inclusive.

Dated this 10th day of February, 1938.

Order of the Board.

W. L. MCKENZIE,
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NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

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The Transfer Books of the Company will be CLOSED from Friday, the 4th March 1938, to Friday, the 11th March, 1938, both days inclusive.

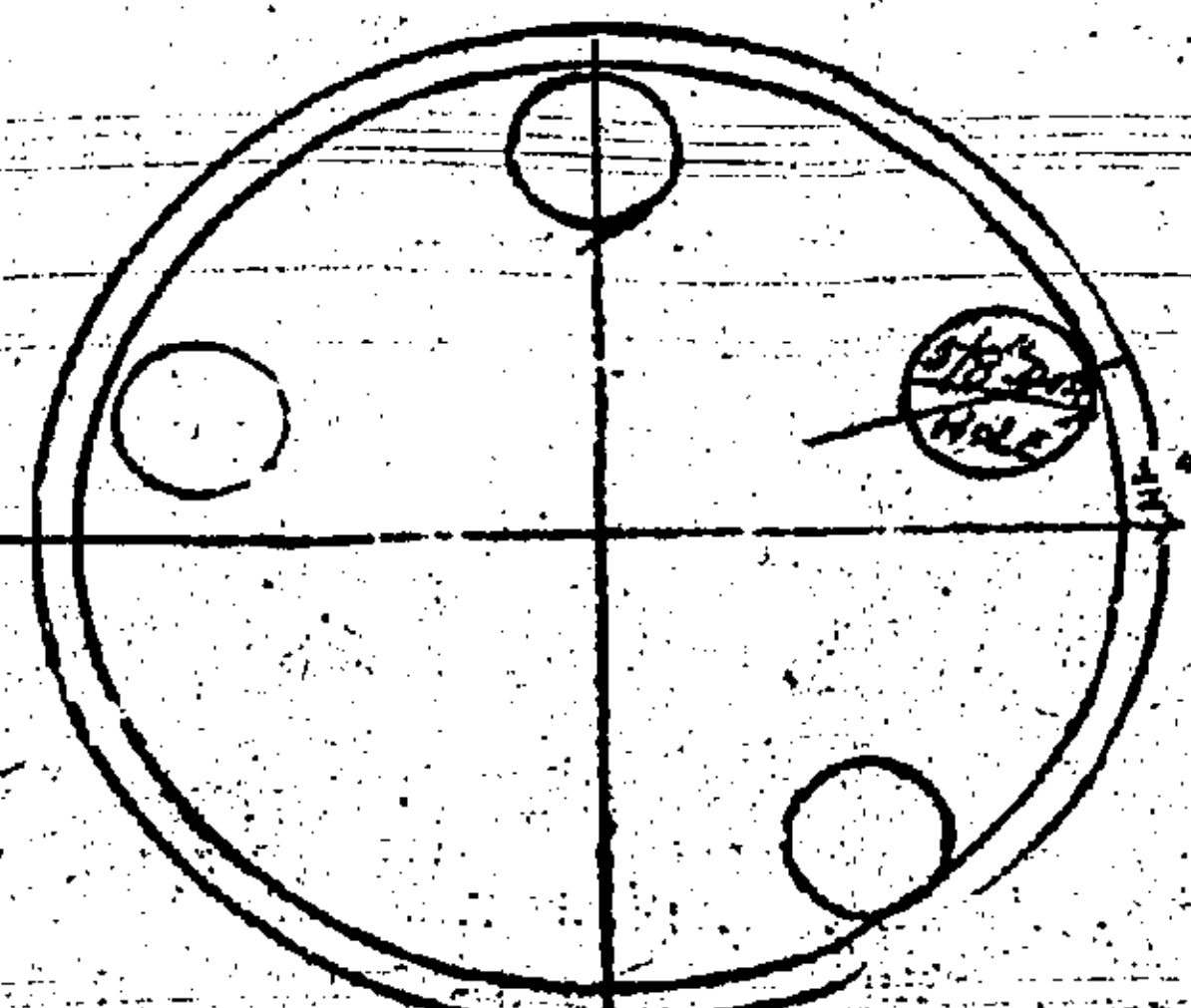
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the passage of light except through the holes cut as provided in the following diagram.



(b) The holes in the disc must be covered with at least one thickness of ordinary white or yellow tissue paper.

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T. H. KING,

Commissioner of Police.
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U.S. DECLINES TO ACCEPT TOKYO WARNING

Washington, To-day.

The Secretary of State, Mr. Cordell Hull, stated yesterday that the United States had refused to accept Japan's warning to Americans to leave Central China and specially to mark their property.

Mr. Cordell Hull said that a straightforward Note had been presented to Japan declaring that Japan would be held responsible for any injury to Americans or damage to their property.

He added that the United States had advised nationals to leave voluntarily certain areas in China, and this advice was being observed.—Reuter.

ITALY AND AUSTRIA

Milan, To-day.

Commenting on the broadcast delivered by Dr. Schuschnigg of Austria, the Italian press lays special stress on those passages of the speech which emphasised that Austrian independence was not affected by the Austro-German understanding and that the Rome protocol would remain the basis for the regulating of relations between Austria and Germany.—Trans-Ocean.

SOVIET AND VOLUNTEERS

London, To-day.

M. Ivan Maisky, the Soviet Ambassador, saw Lord Plymouth, chairman of the non-intervention committee, yesterday noon about the British formula for withdrawal of volunteers from Spain, and the point at which belligerent rights should be accorded to both sides.

It is believed that M. Maisky is now awaiting instructions from Moscow before defining the Soviet attitude.—Reuter.

RIBBENTROP TO PAY FAREWELL LONDON VISIT

London, To-day.

Herr Joachim von Ribbentrop, Germany's new Foreign Minister, will shortly visit London, where he was formerly Ambassador, to bid farewell to friends and the staff of the German Embassy.

It is understood that Herr von Ribbentrop is seeing Mr. Neville Chamberlain and Lord Halifax, but it is not indicated that there will be anything more than informal talks over Anglo-German relations.—Reuter.

It is notified that the Hon. Mr. Norman Lockhart Smith, C.M.G., resumed duty as Colonial Secretary on Thursday.

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The outbreak occurred in No. 527, Canton Road, as the result, it is believed, of the overturning of an oil lamp.

The two upper storeys of both No. 527 and No. 525 were badly damaged by fire before the outbreak was brought under control.

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